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**GENERAL ASQUITH:** "We have held our ground, but if it hadn't been for those women we should not have suffered these losses, and we should have held a position independent of the Irish."

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom; to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it; to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

## THE OUTLOOK.

The General Election is now practically over, and it is a remarkable fact that the Liberal Government is retained in power with a majority in the House of Commons almost identical with that which it had in the last Parliament. This result is claimed as a victory by both sides.

### The Cost of Opposing Women.

The number of additional seats which the Liberal Government would have held or won but for their illiberal attitude towards Woman Suffrage can, of

course, never be accurately ascertained: but it may safely be said that it would have been sufficient to have given Mr. Asquith a majority independent of the Irish vote. In many constituencies the vigorous and untiring opposition of the Women's Social and Political Union has sufficed to turn the balance against the Liberal candidate. We quoted last week the victories in North Islington, West St. Pancras, Birkenhead and Darlington, where the Women's Social and Political Union had held a specially active campaign. Other places in which the strenuous fight of the W.S.P.U. told its tale this week have been Dudley, Melton (Leicestershire), the Bodmin division of Cornwall, Mid-Devon and Torquay in each of which the Liberals lost a seat; Denbigh Burghs, where the Liberal was kept out of the seat by 9 votes; Southport, where the anti-Government majority was greatly increased, and Dundee, where Mr. Churchill's majority was greatly reduced. In addition, in many other constituencies all over the country the Liberal has been defeated by a narrow margin of votes; but for the loss of prestige which the Liberal Government has suffered owing to its treatment of the Woman Suffrage issue these seats would have been secure in their allegiance to the party.

### Revolt of Liberal Women.

One of the remarkable individual results of the election has been the case of Cardiff, where a Liberal majority of 1,555 was converted into a Conservative majority of 299. This extraordinary turn-over can only

be explained by the revolt of the Welsh Liberal women. With one or two solitary exceptions the whole of the strong body of 800 women of the Cardiff Women's Liberal Association abstained on this occasion from taking any part in the contest on account of the hostility of Sir Clarendon Hyde to Woman Suffrage. From this it will be seen how easily Liberal women, if they acted together with a vigorous policy all over the country, could put an end to the conflict which is destroying the honour and prestige of their party, and could secure for women the speedy concession of the Parliamentary vote.

### The Meaning of Asquith's Promise.

On Wednesday in last week Mr. Asquith was questioned as to the meaning of his promise with regard to Woman Suffrage in the next Parliament—was he prepared to undertake that facilities should be given to the Conciliation Bill next Session? He replied, "I certainly shall give no pledge as to the first session of Parliament. The pledge I made on behalf of the Government is on record." He was further asked whether he said the Bill was undemocratic. He replied, "Yes, I said so." He was then asked, "Is it not a fact that 80 per cent. of the women thereby enfranchised would be working women?" and answered, "I don't think it is."

### Humorous Mr. George.

Mr. Lloyd George has been indulging in some wonderful heroics in reply to questions addressed at his meetings in

Bangor and Carnarvon as to when the Government would deal with the question of Woman Suffrage. He said at Bangor:—

No amount of bullying will put me out or make me change my mind one iota. If I knew there were 3,000 Suffragists in this constituency who would vote against me to-morrow, I would stick to my guns.

The picture of the brave Chancellor walking without flinching to his political doom at the hands of 3,000 Suffragist voters must stir many a manly breast, but our dry eyes reluctantly refuse a tear! Again:—

I will vote for the extension of the franchise to women provided the Bill is on democratic lines, but I will not vote for a Bill which simply gerrymanders and rigs the register in such a way as to give an undue proportion of votes to one section or the other. In my judgment this Bill does that. I have looked at it again and again. I have looked at it 50 times and I am still of the same opinion.

Unfortunately facts are tiresome things, and even Chancellors of the Exchequer must sometimes acknowledge their sway over mere words. We should have thought that even 50 inspections of the Conciliation Bill, which gives the Parliamentary vote to women who have exercised the municipal vote for a quarter of a century, would not have turned that sane and temperate measure into a Bill which would "gerrymander and rig the register," but there is no knowing what may be the effect of the evil eye! Another remark was:—

My opinion is that the Suffrage movement has been put back since 1906.

From what ancient storehouse has Mr. Lloyd George brought this chestnut for our consumption this Christmas? We had supposed it had been eaten up a Christmas or two ago!

#### The "Despicable Minority."

Mr. Lloyd George went on to suggest that but for our tactics Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman would have given women the vote in the 1906 Parliament. Mr. Lloyd George will perhaps pardon us if we point out that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman (whose reputation for veracity was somewhat greater than that of some of the Cabinet Ministers of to-day) himself distinctly said that he could hold out no hope of the enfranchisement of women during the Parliament elected in 1906; in fact he commended the policy of pestering the Cabinet Ministers, which Mr. Lloyd George with his tongue in his cheek and protected by his daily escort of detectives—declares has put back the clock. Mr. Lloyd George may well say that he does not address his remarks to the members of the militant movement—the "despicable minority" as it pleases him to call us—for we have learned our lesson, and it is this, that politicians never call you bad names until they begin to be afraid of you.

#### The Prisoners in Holloway.

We have to announce with deep indignation the fact that two of the woman suffrage prisoners, Miss Davison and Miss Bell, have been subject to the torture of forcible feeding in Holloway prison in consequence of their adoption of the hunger strike as a protest against the treatment which they were receiving. On obtaining information to this effect, friends of the prisoners paid their fines in order that the facts might be made known before the close of the General Election. The statements of these women will be found on page 180. Miss Burns was also refused all association with her comrades. Mrs. Marshall, Miss Joan Dugdale and Miss Ada Wright were released at the termination of their sentence on Thursday morning of last week, and showed by their speeches in the evening at the Memorial Hall that their imprisonment had only made them more determined than ever to wrest from the Government the enfranchisement of women. Nineteen other women are due to be released on Friday morning, December 23, and the W.S.P.U. are arranging a special luncheon in their honour at the Criterion Restaurant on the same day at 1.30. Miss Ethel Ball will be released the following morning. There will then be still sixteen women confined in Holloway over the Christmas holiday by the vindictive sentence of two months without the option of a fine. Mr. Franklin's sentence of six weeks in Brixton gaol will terminate about January 9.

#### Caroline Chisholm.

We print in our issue this week a fascinating account of that remarkable woman Caroline Chisholm, to whom the successful colonisation of the vast continent of Australia is so largely due. Our readers will be interested to know that *The Tablet*, in its issue of June 19, 1909, referred to her work, and stated:—

Mrs. Caroline Chisholm, known as "The Emigrant's Friend," made several journeys between England and Australia—in those days a matter of three months and more—in company with numbers of women and children, thus acquiring the practical experience which in our own day, and in another department, the ladies associated with the militant cohort of the suffrage movement hope to put to greatly needed good purpose in the case of prison reform.

*The Tablet* also reminds its readers that she was responsible for settling some eleven thousand colonists on the land and was a pioneer advocate of ocean penny postage.

#### Our Christmas Number.

With each copy of our next issue, which will be the Christmas Number, we are arranging to present a special plate, "The Woman's Burden," reproduced from the wonderful sculpture in the Exhibition of Russian Art to which Mrs. Lawrence refers on page 182. Another attractive feature will be a page of miniature cartoons, showing the history of Woman Suffrage during the year.

### THE PRAYER OF THE HOUR.

O God of battles, who of old hast used  
Jael and Judith, and hast set Thy seal  
On those whose hearts and minds and souls were fused  
By the fierce flame of god-like discontent  
Into a mighty purpose—use us now!  
Have we not proved ourselves? We lay our zeal,  
Our faith before Thee! Nay, if great intent  
Alone were ours, we had not dared to bow  
And ask Thy blessing; we have more to show.  
O God of Justice, women's hands are weak,  
Yet here are women's bodies bruised and torn  
In the great fight for human liberty.  
Not this alone—the battered bodies speak  
Their message, but these level brows have worn  
The chrism of suffered insult; this to Thee,  
O God of Motherhood, of Chastity,  
We offer, as our proof of worthiness.  
Use us for Thy great purpose in this land  
Where shamed Democracy sits with bowed head  
Waiting her baptism of sterner stress,  
Of fiercer fires. See Thy soldiers stand  
A force that will not yield. The power that led  
Our cohorts on will lead to victory.  
We know, with the sure sense of prophecy,  
This struggle will not end till blood be shed,  
Till some are martyred. Be it even so;  
No woman of us all will shrink, nor know  
One pang of selfish fear; this is Thy war,  
O God of Justice; and the great desire  
Of fettered serfs, prone on the prison floor,  
For the white light of full enfranchisement  
Will find its Day of freedom and content,  
When, soiled with conflict, but with souls afire  
Thy chosen champions shall fling wide the door!

ALMON HENSLEY.

### W.S.P.U. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### London Meetings.

Those who want to know something of the great movement or to take part in the active campaign, should take the opportunity of attending the meeting at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W., on Monday next, December 19, at three o'clock. This meeting will be the last for the season, and will be addressed by Lady Meyer, vice-president of the East St. Pancras School for Mothers, and a well-known social worker; also by Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. After this there will be no further weekly meetings till Monday, January 23, at the Queen's Hall, at 3 p.m., and at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, on Thursday, January 26, at 8 p.m.

Members and others living in the North of London will have another opportunity of hearing Mrs. Pankhurst before the Christmas Holidays at the Town Hall, Hampstead, on Tuesday, December 20, at 8 p.m.

#### Welcome to the Prisoners.

Seventeen women will be released on Friday, December 23 (two days before Christmas), at 8 a.m., and will be welcomed at the prison gates. A luncheon will be given in their honour and in that of the women who were released on Thursday last, December 8, at the Criterion Restaurant on the same day at 1.30. These 17 women, it will be remembered, were sentenced at Bow Street on Thursday, November 24, to one month's imprisonment for making a political protest. Their names will be found on p. 181. Members wishing to do honour to their brave comrades should make early application for tickets, which may be had, price 3s. 6d., from Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clement's Inn, W.C. Local secretaries wishing to take a few tickets on sale or return should also apply to Miss Cooke.

#### The W.S.P.U. Shop.

Buy ALL your Christmas presents at the Woman's Press Shop, at 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C. Open every day till 8 p.m., and on Saturday, Dec. 17, till 6 p.m. (See p. 181).

#### A Valuable Christmas Gift.

Don't forget that there is no more valuable Christmas present than a six months' subscription to VOTES FOR WOMEN.

### A PROTEST FROM RUSSIA.

The following letter has been sent from woman in Asiatic Russia addressed to "The Right Honourable H. Asquith, Esq., M.P., The House of Duma, London":—

To the Government of the British Empire.

We, the women of the Bashkirs, have heard, with extreme and deep regret and humiliation, of the cruel and barbarous treatment that the women Suffragettes of England have received within the sacred walls of your Duma.

On seeing an illustrated London daily of the 19th inst. we determined to send you a protest against such inhuman proceedings.

We (regretfully) subscribe ourselves

Your Humble Servants

For and on behalf of the women of the Bashkirs.

Bashkirland.

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# QUESTIONING CABINET MINISTERS.

Some Answers from The Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Churchill.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

During his campaign in Wales, Mr. Lloyd George was faced with several questions on woman suffrage. At Bangor, where he spoke on Friday afternoon, the following question was sent up to him in writing:—"In view of the fact that the Conciliation Committee have undertaken to reintroduce their Bill in such a form as to admit of amendment, will you vote for such Bill, and do all in your power to secure its passage into law?"

He replied as follows:—"Well, that depends. (Laughter.) I will vote for no Bill that is not a democratic Bill. I will do exactly what I said I would on the second reading. I said then that if the Bill were introduced in a form that would enable one in committee to move democratic amendments I would vote for the second reading, but whether I would vote for the third reading depends entirely on what the Bill is."

"I will not vote for a Bill for the extension of the suffrage unless it is a Bill which extends it on thoroughly democratic lines. I have already made it clear in the lengthy interview which I was privileged to have with my lady friends in the Carnarvon Boroughs why in my judgment this Bill is not a democratic measure. I am still unconvinced, and I tell you that no amount of bullying will put me out—(cheers)—or make me change my mind one iota. If I knew there were 3,000 Suffragists in this constituency who would vote against me to-morrow I would still stick to my guns. (Cheers.)"

## A Bill which Gerrymanders the Register.

I will vote for the extension of the franchise to women provided the Bill is on democratic lines, but I will not vote for a Bill which simply gerrymanders and rigs the register in such a way as to give an undue proportion of votes to one section or another. In my judgment this Bill does that. I have looked at it again and again, have looked at it fifty times, and I am still of the same opinion."

I need hardly tell you that the silly campaign which is conducted by persons who really are doing far more harm to the cause than good will certainly not alter my mind. May I say this to my friends of the women suffrage movement—I am not talking to the wild and foolhardy ones, who constitute a very small and despicable minority of those committed to the movement, but to the sane ones amongst them—the first thing they have got to do is to educate the country. They have not done that. They really have not done it. I have seen a great deal of the country up and down, and these ladies are making a mistake which is common to all."

Those who are extremely zealous in any great cause through living in their own little sphere come to the conclusion that because they have done some silly little deeds which they brag about amongst themselves, that as they are talking about themselves and their achievements all the world is talking about them too. (Cheers.) There have been two women's suffrage candidates in this campaign, and the highest got thirty-three votes and the second twenty-two votes. That shows that they are trying to force upon an unwilling electorate by doubtful means something which the country is not ripe for."

Instead of bullying the Liberal leaders and alienating their sympathy, instead of hardening those at present opposed to them, and instead of insulting those who are doubtful and driving them into opposition, as I know they have done, let them first of all educate the electorate, and then there may be a chance of carrying it. My own opinion is that they would have carried it in the last Parliament except for these foolish tactics. I stand by these opinions, and I will not budge. At any rate, I am not going to be bullied out of my opinions because a number of women are excessively offensive. (Loud cheers.)

## "Putting Back the Movement."

Later in the day Mr. Lloyd George spoke at Carnarvon. There a question was put to him as to when the Government proposed to give the promised opportunity for effectively dealing with woman suffrage. Ignoring the form of question, he replied in Welsh:—

"A woman wants the vote, but she will not get it until she puts a stop on women who place obstructions in the path. They make enemies of friends, and they will never get the vote until they use some wiser, more sensible, persuasive, and effective method than they now adopt. My opinion is that the suffrage movement has been put back since 1906. There was a great majority for women's suffrage in Parliament, and the Cabinet were favourable; Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was favourable. What happened? The women made themselves intolerable, and even in the last meeting which Sir Henry addressed they persecuted him. I do not know of any movement that has been forwarded by such methods, and the vote will not be obtained until there be a complete change in tactics. But my opinion on the question remains unchanged."

## After the Theatre.

An encounter with Mr. Lloyd George before the dissolution of Parliament was related at a

Bristol meeting last week by Mrs. Dove Wilcox. On a Saturday night she saw Mr. Lloyd George in a theatre, and determined to speak to him as he came out. "Addressing him very quietly, I said: 'Mr. Lloyd George, may I have a word with you?' He immediately took hold of his wife's arm—I do not know whether he thought his wife was going to save him—turned round looking very frightened, and said: 'I am afraid I have to go. This is no place to make a fool of me.' It was a revelation to me. I was far more nervous than he was, but nervousness left me at once, and I said, 'I only want to know what you are going to do for the women next week.' He mumbled something which he did not mean me to hear, so I repeated my question. Two of his friends came up and got between us, gave me a push, and shoved Mr. Lloyd George and his wife into a taxi-cab. A policeman and two detectives who were standing alongside the cab smiled at me. I realised then what an impression militant tactics made upon Ministers."

## MR. ASQUITH IN FIFE.

"Trust the people," says Mr. Asquith. On his visit to St. Andrews on December 8 to speak in favour of Mr. J. Duncan Millar, Mr. Asquith was hedged round with police and detectives, and extra police were drafted in to the little "burgh" to protect the "People's Representative" against the questions of two or three women. However, in spite of police and detectives, a woman managed to jump on to Mr. Asquith's motor as he came near the hall and pop her head in at his window with the question as to when he intended to give justice to women. He shrunk back in his corner, and no answer was given. She was pulled off the car, and she and her companion, who now joined her with difficulty, were subjected to much rude hustling, the hat of one being torn off, and many bruises received. No police were free to protect women! Even before Mr. Asquith arrived a shameful hustling took place of one woman who was recognised as a "Suffragette" by the gang of Liberal youths and boys who are evidently organised for this election to create disturbances. Liberal stewards also took part in this display. The woman had done nothing to arouse their wrath, but not a policeman came to her rescue. It was afterwards explained to her by one of the Force that not one policeman dare leave the spot assigned to him; there were only enough police to see after Mr. Asquith!

On Thursday Mr. Asquith was to hold an outdoor works meeting at Guard Bridge, and, of course, he found the "Voice" there, too. Consternation was in his face when the "Voice" informed him several times that women were half the "people." The thread of Mr. Asquith's discourse was broken, and instead of half an hour he gave about ten minutes' speech. Questions were then asked for, and after the men had asked a few, again came the "Voice" with a question, "Why did Mr. Asquith refuse to carry out the will of the people as expressed by their representatives in the House of Commons by the large majority of 110 for the Conciliation Bill for Women Suffrage?" It was lost in a hubbub, but Mr. Asquith said, "I will answer the lady's question," so again the question was given in a clear, distinct voice, but he gave no answer, and then he left.

After Mr. Asquith had driven away leaflets were distributed.

This works meeting had been kept very quiet, and the police were very much taken by surprise, as they understood no one knew of it.

At another meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 7, Mr. Asquith was questioned as to whether he was prepared to undertake that facilities should be given to the Conciliation Bill next Session. He replied, "I certainly shall give no pledge as to the first session of Parliament. The pledge I made on behalf of the Government is on record." He was further asked whether he said the Bill was undemocratic. He replied, "Yes, I said so." He was then asked, "Is it not a fact that 80 per cent. of the women thereby enfranchised would be working women?" and answered, "I don't think it is."

## MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL AT DUNDEE.

When speaking in his own constituency, Mr. Churchill seems to realise that it is a wiser policy to answer electors' questions than to have them brutally thrown out of meetings. At his meeting on Tuesday, December 6, several pertinent interruptions were made, and yet some of the interrupters were allowed to remain in the hall. On the speaker's reference to the tyranny of the Lords, one of the members of the Men's Political Union interjected: "That is nothing compared with your tyranny to the women," and when Mr. Churchill referred to the progressive legislation in our colonies he, of course, opened the way for the natural comment: "Yes, and they gave women the vote."

The next day, at a meeting in the Martyrs' Hall, Mr. Churchill referred to a Home Sec-

tary who had been almost compelled to resign in connection with the false arrest of a woman.

"What about your treatment of women political prisoners?" said a man. The stewards immediately set on him and were knocking him about, when Mr. Churchill, remembering that this was his own constituency, called out: "Leave him alone, I like to get these interruptions. I am quite prepared to argue the matter, but not to argue it now. If the people of the country were of that gentleman's opinion they could easily put me out of office. But, you see, they don't. Let us get rights for men first, and then we can see about rights for women."

Then one of the Dundee men sent up the question at question time: "Why are you repeatedly insinuating that people who interrupt at your meetings are paid for their work? Why should they not be as earnest and sincere in their opinion as you are about the Lords' Veto?" Mr. Churchill evaded the question, using some more of his typical adjectives about the suffragists, but not giving a satisfactory answer. He was also heckled about the Conciliation Bill, and he merely repeated his remarks about the property vote. In answer to Mr. Kenneth, who asked him if it was true that two women were being forcibly fed in Holloway Goal, he tried to evade the question, pointing out his manifold kindnesses to the prisoners, and talking as if they were living on regal fare. But the heckler persisted, and at last he admitted the fact, making some silly and offensive remark about the poor dears starving, and how impossible it was to allow them to do such a thing.

While he was driving about the constituency, he was again and again reminded that there are some people who will not tolerate Russian methods in England.

Among the men who made splendid protests were Mr. Herbert Brown and Mr. Kenneth.

## An Untrue Statement.

In answer to one written question about his slander on the men Suffragists, Mr. Churchill pointed out that after protests there was always a large influx of subscriptions. He also stated that after the recent "antics" in Parliament Square £9,000 was subscribed to the funds of one society. This, as a correspondent points out, is an absolute misstatement, the sum having been given at the Albert Hall meeting more than a fortnight before the deputation.

## At Dartford.

Mr. Winston Churchill had not been speaking for many minutes at the skating rink at Dartford on Saturday before a voice from the back of the hall cried out, "How did you treat Mrs. Cobden Sanderson?" Mr. Churchill tried to excuse himself by saying he had only requested the police to keep the streets clear, but before his questioner had time to hear the answer stewards rushed him from the building amid a general uproar.

During the pause following the first ejection Mr. Churchill asked the stewards to be careful not to hurt any of the interrupters, as a man at one of his meetings had been seriously injured a few days ago. Continuing his speech, the Home Secretary said the policy of the Unionist was a disgrace to them, when another voice asked, "What about the brutal treatment of the women, isn't that a disgrace to you?" Again the audience, ignoring the direction of the chairman, began to yell and create a disturbance, though amid the din a few voices were heard, saying, "Leave him alone," "It's only fair heckling," etc. But no heckling on Woman Suffrage is allowed apparently, and the man was ejected. Later on, Mr. Churchill's assertion that the obstruction of the House of Lords was responsible for half the misery and suffering in the country was met by the cry, "You are responsible for the sufferings of the women on November 18 and 22;" and his demand that the Lords take off their veto was met by a shout, "Take your veto off the Women's Bill." Utter lack of self-control was shown by the audience, as well as by the vast army of stewards. It was reported afterwards that 500 stewards' tickets had been issued—an appreciable percentage of the audience.

At last Mr. Churchill wound up his speech with a reference to Home Rule, and tempted me fatally by saying, "A great opportunity has arrived for a reconciliation." "By giving votes to women," said I, completing his sentence. Fifty fists were shaken towards me at once, and that I emerged uninjured was perhaps due more to my threat of proceedings against any assault and a few friendly neighbours than any respect for my grey hairs. I have been to many political meetings, but never witnessed unreasoning frenzy and passion so easily roused. True, this is the first time I have heckled a Cabinet Minister on Woman Suffrage. It will not be the last.

G. G.

We hear that a Dundee Suffragette was arrested for breaking a window at Mr. Lloyd George's Edinburgh meeting on November 25, and was discharged.

## THE NOTTINGHAM PROTEST.

With reference to the protest at Colonel Seely's meeting at Nottingham on December 3 which we described in our last issue, one of the men who was present has sent an account of the proceedings. After the first interruption, he says, about a dozen stewards rushed upon the man, using language which "was the lowest, meanest, and most disgraceful which it has ever been my lot to hear, and I have been among the submerged tenth in San Francisco." The writer was himself put out for making a protest in favour of freedom of speech, and he saw a Liberal official deliberately try to kick him. Another man had his collar and tie torn off, and was badly bruised. If the stewards thought by such proceedings to further their cause, they must have had an eye-opener the next day, for one of the protesters addressed a splendid meeting in the Market Place, and a resolution was carried censuring the Liberal Government.

## TRUE CHIVALRY.

A correspondent who was present at the dinner at which Mr. John Burns presided at the Holborn Restaurant recently, gives an interesting account of the protest made by one of the guests. She writes: "I wonder whether you know the splendid man who stood up for our cause at the dinner at the Holborn Restaurant, at which John Burns spoke? I noticed this man all through dinner. He was tall, dark, clear complexioned, and altogether good to look at—a man in every sense of the word. He was alone, but in the next seat to our party and opposite me. Two men and one well-dressed woman had the courage to speak and to be ejected. I was feeling sick and cold with the multitude who could sit there unmoved. I was beginning to recover and to hear a few of the words of one of the speakers, when, to my surprise, this great man stood up. What he said I cannot remember; by the look on his face I don't suppose he knew what he was saying himself. It cost him such an effort. In a few minutes shouts on all sides rent the air. I heard him say, 'If I do, I take the table with me.' And, sure enough, he twined the tablecloth in and out of his fingers, and as he was torn from his feet, away went the cloth, over went wine bottles, glasses, silver, flower-vases, etc., quite twelve feet being stripped before his fingers were torn off the cloth and he was carried out by ten—fifteen—twenty men. All I could mutter was 'How brave!' and to the men around: 'Would you dare to be as brave for any cause whatever?'"

## PRESS COMMENTS.

### FUN AT THE HOME OFFICE.

#### A Comedy of To-morrow.

OFFICIAL: Two thousand women are storming the House of Commons. They have captured the Prime Minister and are going to behead him on Tower Hill.

HOME SEC. (thoughtfully): H'm—of course, if they do that the Premiership will be vacant, won't it?

OFFICIAL: Sir, every moment is of consequence. Will you order out the military?

HOME SEC.: What, order out the military to terrorise defenceless women! Good Heavens, Sir! do you know that we are on the eve of a General Election?

OFFICIAL: In five minutes the Prime Minister will have lost his head!

HOME SEC. (meditatively): M'm! Go and tell the ladies not to hurt him, and I will receive a deputation of Suffragettes at the Home Office to-morrow.

—Referee.

No good Conservative can view without horror attacks on high offices of State. But, all the same, the Ministers outraged have themselves in great measure to thank. They have been at amazing pains to teach the Suffragettes that they are squeezable. It is hopeless to deny plain facts. We all remember the scandalised amusement with which the world beheld Mr. Gladstone (as he was then) and Mr. Lloyd George (as he is still) pulled about in the witness-box by Miss Pankhurst. But none of us remembers that so well as does Mr. Lloyd George. And Mr. Asquith, Mr. Birrell (with whose pangs we quite seriously and respectfully condole), and several others in the Cabinet have hurried on their tiptoes between riots and window-smashings to whisper silvery words in the Suffragette's ear. Who for a moment really believes that they would have troubled to do so but in mere panic of fresh outbursts? Not, at least, the Suffragettes, who believe they are kicking and threatening their way to victory. We are afraid they really are making an impression on Ministers' souls as well as their skins. The Home Secretary, in particular, alternates between savagery and surrender. One day, to the dignified consternation of the chief magistrate of London, he is for letting every Suffragette off. The next, he is for locking every Suffragette up.—Saturday Review.

The precautions now taken for the protection of the Home Secretary from the attentions of the women Suffragists are becoming amusing in the degree of their application. Detectives from Scotland Yard are shadowing his every movement, and are watching in the neighbour-

hood of Eccleston Square every night. The guard has now been extended to the family, and the other morning three detectives danced attendance while a nurse wheeled out Mr. Churchill's baby in a carriage. The procession occasioned much interest and much amusement when the identity of the guarded child became known. One of the leaders of the women's movement derides the absurdity of these precautions, and describes the Home Secretary as "a splendid press agent."—*Yorkshire Post*.

Mr. Lloyd George had an enthusiastic reception on his visit to Glasgow in support of the local candidate. At both of the meetings which he addressed a limited number of tickets were issued to ladies, every precaution being taken to prevent Suffragist supporters from gaining admission. *The Times*.

Mr. Asquith, with whom was Mrs. Asquith, drove from the railway station to the hall (Wolverhampton) in a closed motor-car, preceded by mounted police and followed by a large motor-car filled with police and a superintendent riding on the step. Mrs. Asquith was the only woman admitted to the meeting. *The Times*.

Just as the two policemen with their fair charge between turned out of Downing Street Mr. Churchill drove past in his motor-car. I cannot describe the expression on his features as he glanced at the prisoner. It seemed to have in it a mingling of sorrow and anger. *—Eastern Daily Express.*

Arrangements have been made by the Nottingham Suffrage Society for an army of 500 Suffragettes to make a raid on Nottingham on Saturday, when Mr. Lloyd George is to address two huge meetings. . . . Elaborate precautions are being made by police to safeguard the Chancellor from annoyance, and a meeting for women only, which he was to have addressed, has been abandoned. *—Daily News.*

Information has been received that a deputation from the Women's Social and Political Union will visit Swindon to-day, and it has been decided to admit voters only, thus excluding women from Mr. Churchill's meeting. *—Daily News.*

The assault on Mr. Churchill in the train on Saturday night brings out the painful fact that Ministers have to be more or less constantly under police protection. Not only are the residences of the Prime Minister and most of his colleagues watched, but they themselves are attended by plain clothes policemen wherever they go. At the town houses of Ministers two constables are always on the watch. These precautions are taken mainly to prevent Suffragette fanatics from attacking Ministers, and the fact that they are deemed necessary is singularly discreditable to the militant Suffragette. During the Tory régime Mr. Balfour and his colleagues were constantly under police protection, but the danger in that case was thought to come from Irishmen who held extreme and violent views. In this instance it is the apprehension of assaults and outrages by women that render police protection necessary. This is perhaps the first time in history when a whole body of Ministers have had to be guarded from the senseless fury of women. It is still more disgraceful that Mr. Churchill's infant daughter can only get an airing under the protection of the police. Apparently it is feared that an attempt may be made to kidnap the child, and when her nurse takes her out she is always attended at a respectful distance by a sergeant-detective. *—South Wales Daily News.*

[We have repeatedly pointed out that Suffragettes do not make war on women or children, and that the precautions taken on behalf of Mr. Churchill's little girl are apparently only taken to solicit sympathy.—Ed., VOTES FOR WOMEN.]

#### MEETING AT KNEBWORTH.

At a meeting at Knebworth in support of the Conservative candidate (Dr. Hillier), an appeal was made to women to work for him, since he had supported their cause by voting for the second reading of the Conciliation Bill. Dr. Hillier, however, made no allusion to Votes for Women in his speech, and in reply to questions said, though he had voted for the Bill he did not wish it to become law. In consequence of this a meeting of strong protest was subsequently held at Stevenage. The meeting was organised jointly by the Stevenage branch of the N.U.W.S.S. and members of the W.S.P.U. from various districts, and was a striking feature of the election campaign, which was conducted on strictly non-party lines. Whatever may be the genuine opinion on Votes for Women of the future member for North Herts, he must realise that this question can no longer be either ignored or treated with contempt.

#### LOGIC!

Gentleman-of-the-House (showing lady out): I am sorry we cannot oblige you by signing your anti-Suffrage petition, but we are all on the side of militant methods here. Good-bye.  
Anti-Lady: Oh, it is raining, and I have no umbrella.  
G-of-the-H.: But I suppose your husband has?  
A.L.: Oh, yes.  
G-of-the-H.: Then, of course, you are quite content!

#### RELEASED PRISONERS AT THURSDAY'S MEETING.

Enthusiastic determination characterised the Memorial Hall meeting on Thursday, December 8. Besides Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, there were on the platform some of the women who had been released from Holloway Prison on Wednesday, and Mrs. Marshall, Miss Ada Wright, and Miss Joan Dugdale, who had come out that morning. Their appearance on the platform was greeted with cheers.

Mrs. Pethick Lawrence remarked on the great debt of gratitude due to the women who had faced and suffered imprisonment. The Government in its treatment of women had not treated them as human beings. They had dealt with them as they would not have dealt with voters, but the women of the Union had saved their honour and their self-respect by revolt, which would go on until women got justice. For repression they would give rebellion, and for every extra bit of repression there would be extra rebellion. Much indignation was caused by the announcement that Miss Davison and Miss Annie Bell had been forcibly fed. This move of the Government had been spoiled, as the women's fines had been paid, they had been released, and could now give first-hand information. Their absence was accounted for by the fact that they had been sent to Brighton for change. Miss Lucy Burns' fine had also been paid, and she had now gone to Dundee to get 100 Dundee women to join in the next deputation.

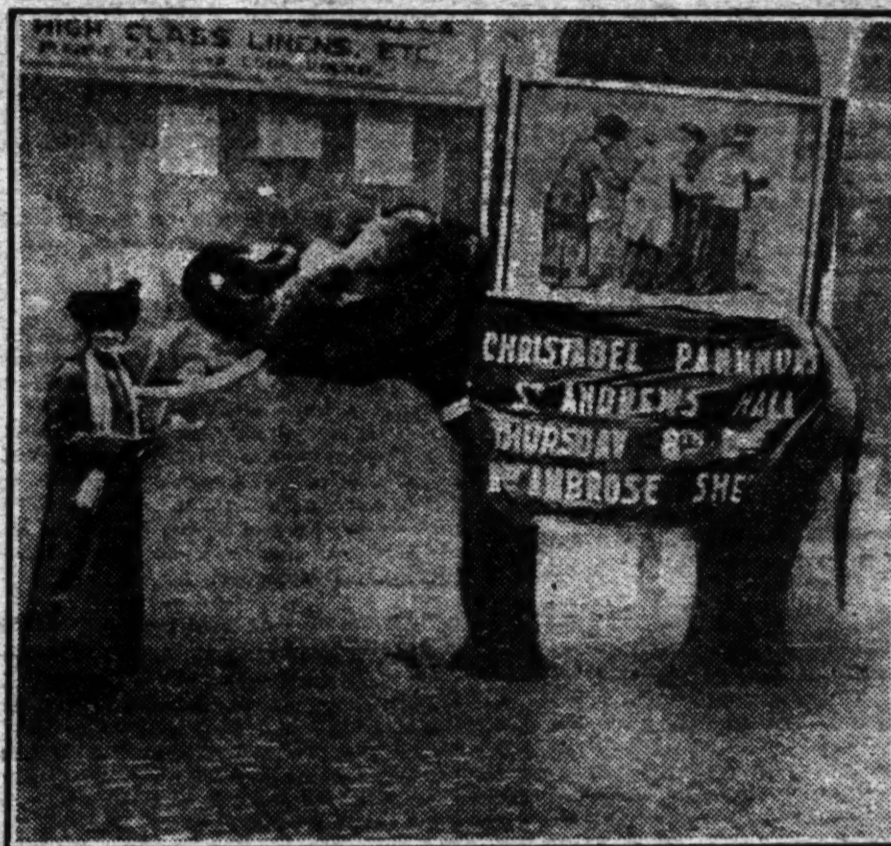
In a short, racy speech Mrs. Marshall told of her experiences in Holloway. It was so

#### FORCIBLE FEEDING IN HOLLOWAY.

In our account of the speeches of the prisoners released on Wednesday in last week we stated on the authority of Miss Capper that two of the prisoners still in gaol, Miss Bell and Miss Davison, were undergoing the torture of forcible feeding in Holloway. A subsequent rumour also reached Clements Inn that Miss Burns was being dealt with in the same way.

In order, therefore, that the true facts might be known in time to be made public in the constituencies which had not yet polled, friends decided to pay the fines of these women and have them released. It was then found that both Miss Bell and Miss Davison had been forcibly fed up till their release, but that in the case of Miss Burns the rumour was incorrect; she had, however, been subjected to serious punishment.

Miss Bell stated that on being taken into the reception ward she was treated in so ignominious a way that she felt it incompatible with her dignity to submit to it. Her baggage was taken away from her and the wardresses seized her and tore her clothes off her in order to search her, though she herself offered to take off her things to allow the searchers to go through every article if they chose, if she could remove them herself and go to bed. Miss Bell accordingly decided to adopt the hunger-strike as the only protest open to her. She then carried it out with determination for two whole days, at the end of which she was carried by force to a dark punishment cell, with double doors and



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different from what she had imagined. She had thought of all the Suffragettes standing together on their arrival from the police-court and singing the Marseillaise, but when she got there she seemed to be surrounded with wardresses, and not a Suffragette was to be seen.

Miss Ada Wright, who was enthusiastically cheered, told how that morning they had knocked at the cell doors of the other prisoners, and shouted out "Good-bye," and as they went down the corridors they could hear over and over again the "Good-bye," "Good-bye" of those who were left behind. They, she said, were now before the footlights, but to-morrow they would fade away into their native nothingness; it was the cause that was everything. When they were gone and forgotten the cause would still live, it would go on.

Miss Joan Dugdale said she was very glad she had been to Holloway Prison, for she felt she had been behind the scenes; she was glad because there she had realised what enormous progress the cause had made. It was splendid to go there and to see how the Suffragettes had forced the Home Secretary to do their will. Now, if by this forcing, this determination, a great public department had had to alter its machinery, women could also force them to perform other miracles. One of the lessons she had learned in Holloway was that Cabinet Ministers had too much power in this country. The whole of that prison was in the hands of one man; why should all these human souls be in the power of one irresponsible man, of a man who did as he thought fit? Miss Dugdale concluded, "We must put the burden upon the right shoulders; we must put it upon the Cabinet Ministers' shoulders. We must confront them with Votes for Women wherever they go. Let them be haunted with our colours and watch cries, and by doing this every woman will be helping to put the burden of Votes for Women on the shoulders of Cabinet Ministers."

Nurse Hodgkinson (Birmingham), who was one of those released on Wednesday morning, again told of her first militant protest, and declared she was ready to do again as she had done.

At the conclusion of the speeches a young man, evidently a Liberal, asked many questions, and he was answered most fully.

a gas-bracket up over the door, which remained alight day and night. At first the doctors tried to break down her resolution by thrusting the tube first up one nostril and then up the other without attempting to pour any food through the tube. But this form of terrorism having failed, they fed her later by the use of the stomach-pump and gag. On every occasion Miss Bell was violently sick and her sensations indescribable, and this lasted for 12 days.

Miss Davison was similarly treated on her entrance. Her baggage was forcibly removed from her, and she was also subjected to the searching. Articles for which she specially asked were refused her. She also learnt that she was to be denied chapel and exercise, and any means of communicating with her comrades. Miss Davison adopted the hunger-strike as a protest. She too carried it out for two full days, and was removed to the punishment cells and underwent the forcible feeding until her release six days later.

Miss Burns reports that the prison authorities disconnected the bells by which the prisoners can communicate from their cells with the wardens, and that as she desired to see the wardress she banged on her cell door. For this she was punished by three days' solitary confinement. At the end of this time she was refused permission to associate with the other Women's Social and Political Union prisoners at exercise or to communicate with them in any way.

Miss Lella Cadiz, who, with her sister, took an active part in the last deputation, but was not arrested, is an Irish member. Miss Cadiz is now doing splendid work, selling the paper in Dublin. It is interesting to note that her father was an officer in the Indian Civil Service, and that she is a cousin of the Earl of Rose.

Miss Hendra H. L. Williams points out that in our account of the Battle of Downing Street on Tuesday, November 22, she is said to have called Mr. Asquith "Hypocrite and humbug." This is not so; what she did call out was "Coward and traitor."

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Tonight (Friday) a public meeting to explain protests made by members of this union at Ministers' meetings will be held at the Carlton Hall (near St. James's Park Station), at 8 p.m. Among the speakers will be Mr. F. R. Henderson, jun., who was 18 hours on the roof of the Paragon with Miss Helen Craggs and Mr. Franklin. All members and friends are invited. Admittance free; a few reserved seats (1s. each). Tickets can be had at above offices or at the doors. Accounts of the heckling of Cabinet Ministers at Dartford, Dundee, and elsewhere, will be found on another page. Will branch secretaries and friends please note that we now have ready Mr. Victor D. Duval's pamphlet, "Why I went to Prison" (1d.), and Mr. Frank Rutter's leaflet "Open Letter to Mr. Lloyd George" (9d. per 100). The committee desires to see both these widely circulated throughout the United Kingdom. Will friends who wish to send books or fruit to our comrade, Mr. Franklin, at Pentonville Prison, kindly inform us of their intention, and either send them through us or arrange with us, so that gifts are not spasmodic or redundant? The hon. organising secretary and hon. treasurer wish to express their apologies to many kind correspondents for their inability during the present pressure of work to answer all but the most urgent letters directly connected with work to be done. The committee is glad to announce that the membership is steadily increasing and that a new branch has been started at Walthamstow. Will members in this district communicate with the hon. secretary, Robert E. Ryan, 118, Grove Road, Walthamstow. The hon. treasurer gratefully acknowledges receipt of following amounts:—

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Birmingham Branch (Hon. Sec.) H. Willson, 52 Holly Road, Handsworth.—Members have been busy at Dudley during the election, where they had their reward last week by a good majority going against the Liberal. Mr. George Jacobs, our well-known member, gave an account of his prison experiences at a dinner given to welcome the W.S.P.U. prisoners who returned to Birmingham. Donations are particularly needed for this branch.

#### AN OFFICIOUS POLICEMAN.

One of the regular paper-sellers at Piccadilly Circus, Miss Dorothy Wharton, was on Saturday last arrested at Piccadilly Circus and charged with wilfully obstructing the free passage of the highway.

The case was heard at Marlborough Street Police Court and no evidence of actual obstruction of the public was given.

Nevertheless, the magistrate pointed out that the technical offence of obstruction had been committed because Miss Wharton had not "moved on" when requested so to do by the police; she would be fined 7s. 6d., or have to go to prison for 5 days. Miss Wharton's fine was paid by a friend.

[In response to several inquiries we have to point out that paper-sellers are not in general in any danger of arrest; occasionally, however, they are confronted with officious members of the force who "move them on" even when no real obstruction is being caused. In such cases we recommend that they fall in with the instructions given to them, but this need not imply more than temporary displacement of their position. Any cases of serious interference by the police should be communicated to us.—Ed. VOTES FOR WOMEN.]

## SUFFRAGE EDITIONS OF EVERYTHING.

There is so much to be seen at the Woman's Press shop, there are so many things which we need which can now be obtained in a "suffrage edition," that every member should visit the shop before buying her Christmas presents elsewhere. It is not a case of Suffrage badges or Suffrage Christmas cards only; almost everything can be got at the shop. Naturally, perhaps, silver brooches enamelled in the colours, which are pretty in themselves, and which also serve as badges, are there in the greatest variety, but besides these there are belts, bags, and ties. There are boxes of pins and studs, and reels of silk done up so as to bring the Suffrage colours before the purchasers. Even provision for the larder may be found here in the shape of "Votes for Women" tea, which is very good, and pots of jam, which have been specially made for sale. For the Christmas party there are the indispensable crackers in the colours, and containing appropriate symbols of the movement, as well as plenty of well-herbed holly. As presents for men friends and relatives can be recommended the excellent cigarettes, which, as a compliment to the movement, have been named by the manufacturers "Votes for Women," and which are contained in pretty boxes done up in the colours, and tied with a tri-colour ribbon.

In addition to these, there are many presents of a more solid form—exquisite boxes of perfume may be had at 10s. 6d. and 12s. 6d., and very useful are the stationery cabinets, the writing-cases, and the strong portfolio designed to hold the last few copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN for the purposes of easy reference. Another delightful present is the little case of dainty books containing selections from the various classics.

Every Suffragette will be interested in the two calendars, which contain an appropriate motto for every day of the coming year, and in this way serve as splendid propaganda for the cause. Members should send one of these to every Suffrage friend in order to give her pleasure throughout the year, and to every anti-Suffrage friend, in order that she may be speedily brought to a better frame of mind.

## THE "SEVEN AGES."

A class of junior boys in Scotland was reading Shakespeare's "Seven Ages of Man." They quickly noticed that, although "men and women" are mentioned together in the second line of the passage, the "ages" are those of men only, and they readily accepted a challenge to match the "man" pictures with corresponding "woman" ones. The "whining schoolboy" became the smiling schoolgirl, with hair floating round her shoulders, tripping gaily to school. The "lover" was paired with the "young lady," gazing affectionately at her engagement ring, and taking good care that everyone should see it. The "soldier" was laughingly turned into the Suffragette, seeking the vote. The "justice with eyes severe" was "mamma," who sometimes has to say, "Johnny, you come here!"—but the boys preferred to draw a discreet veil over the rest of this picture, as being not suitable for public discussion. Speaking of the Suffragette at more length, the youthful politicians, with schoolboy sense of fair-play, saw that while on the one hand a woman paying local rates has local suffrage, on the other hand a woman paying Imperial taxes should have the Parliamentary Suffrage. They quite appreciated the prophetic picture of their granddaughters saying to them, "Grandpa, why were you men so long in giving the women the vote, and why did you make so much fuss about it?" and of their own relief at being able to reply, "Well, my dear, I was really only a schoolboy at the time, and had nothing to do with it, but I am glad that all women have the vote now."

## THE "TABLET."

In the course of an interesting and sympathetic account (entitled "The Coming Triumph of Woman Suffrage") of the action taken by members of the Women's Social and Political Union at Westminster the *Tablet* of November 26 observes:—"The leaders of the Woman Suffrage Movement are in sight of the success of their splendid campaign. They have faced sufferings, and the ridicule which hurts more than suffering, with a courage and a constancy which has made on-lookers exclaim, 'This is the stuff of which dreams and martyrs are made.' It is now practically certain that the Government will capitulate."

## LADY STOUT'S REPLY TO LORD GLASGOW.

At the Queen's Hall on Monday, December 5, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence in the chair, Lady Stout, referring to a letter of Lord Glasgow in the *Times* of December 5, said Lord Glasgow had not been in New Zealand for fourteen years, and knew absolutely nothing about the practical results of woman suffrage in that country. And it was a slander to the women of New Zealand to say, as it was said in that letter to the *Times*, that "it would be deplorable if ever such a measure became law in this country."

As Lord Derby puts it, under the Parliament Bill Peers will be in the same position as Suffragettes. Perhaps this comparison may help to bring home the woman taxpayer's point of view to many people who have not yet sufficiently appreciated the solid grounds for the Suffragette agitation.

—Daily Graphic.

## QUEEN'S HALL MEETING.

A large audience gathered at the Queen's Hall last Monday. Miss Christabel Pankhurst, who was in the chair, said that women Suffragists had before them in the coming year a very serious piece of work—that of fighting against the veto placed by the Government upon the Suffrage Bill. The fact of its being in the power of two or three members of the Cabinet to place their veto upon a measure which had already received the support of the people's representatives showed that something was wrong with the Constitution of this country, and that wrong the members of the Women's Social and Political Union were determined to put right. It might be necessary to resort to militant tactics. If that were the case, she did not think that one would hear very much by way of criticism. There was a blank wall between women and their enfranchisement, and that wall had got to be broken down. The next deputation of women that went to Parliament Square would be a thousand strong. "The deputation of November 18 led the way, and others will be proud to follow."

The audience was delighted to welcome as a speaker Miss Eva Moore, the well-known actress. She expressed her great admiration for the esprit de corps of women, who were always willing to help one another. It was a woman who had given her her first opportunity.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence said that one of the chief causes of this woman's movement was the growing sense of responsibility in women, their determination to order their own lives and to decide for themselves what was womanly and right for them to do. Women were determined to be the masters of their own souls. In consequence of this state of things the conflict which was going on at the present time was absolutely necessary. "It is the only way to win the freedom of the human soul of women. We glory in this fight because we know that it is a fight for the liberty of the human spirit. It is in the time of conflict when this spirit within us grows strong, and we rise above the purely animal side of our nature, knowing that it is by the spirit which lies in men and in women they partake of the nature of God Himself."

A special appeal for promises to obtain new subscribers to the paper was very heartily taken up, and some 50 promise cards were sent up to the platform containing promises for about 70 new subscriptions.

## RELEASE OF PRISONERS.

The following prisoners will be released on Friday, December 23, and will be welcomed at a special luncheon (see p. 178): Miss M. Allen, Mrs. Aldham, Miss Norah Black, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Cousins, Miss J. Filshill, Mrs. May Goodfellow, Miss Winifred Jones, Mrs. Garvey Kelly, Mrs. Löwy, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. B. Sanders, Miss Shallard, Miss Jessie Stephenson, Mrs. Streetfield, Mrs. Howard Shaw, Miss Cissy Wilcox. (Mrs. Marshall, Miss Ada Wright, and Miss Joan Dugdale, who were released on December 8, will also be welcomed at this luncheon.)

## Releases in January.

There are still 16 prisoners in Holloway, who are not due to be released till the second week in January. They will therefore spend their Christmas in prison, and our readers may be glad to know that gifts of books, fruit, flowers, or Christmas fare may be sent to them. Their names are:—Miss Henrietta Barwell, Miss Alice Burton, Mrs. Nina Dear, Miss Fussell, Miss Kathleen Houston, Miss G. Lewis, Nurse Pittfield, Miss Isabelle Potbury, Miss Florence Sanborne, Miss Florence Spong, Miss Streetfield, Miss Eva Stephenson, Miss Irene Tillard, Miss Hilda Webb, Miss Christina Wilson, M.B., and Miss Evelyn Wurrle.

## LADY MUIR MACKENZIE AND VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Lady Muir Mackenzie, in replying to a farewell address of the Ladies' Branch of the National Indian Association, Bombay, said:—"Wherever I go I shall always work for the emancipation of women, but I shall very specially remember the needs of my Indian sisters. . . . Because I am to live in England I shall not in spirit forsake India. . . . Without my husband's generous and whole-hearted encouragement I could not have done half the good you say I have done. . . . Then, too, his righteous belief that woman, equally with man, ought to be a free individual and untrammelled being has indeed been an indescribable support."

## ANOTHER FINE MEETING.

A very successful meeting in favour of Votes for Women was held in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden, on Monday, December 5, Lady Meyer presided, and the speakers were Mrs. Masset and Miss Decimus Moore. The hall was packed, and the speeches were followed with keen interest. The resolution calling upon the Prime Minister to grant facilities in the next session of Parliament for passing through all its stages the Conciliation Bill was proposed by Lady Meyer, seconded by Mr. Baillie Weaver, and carried with only eight dissentients.

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Not one of all these champions of the people's liberties saw, except by faith, the result of his struggle. Ten were murdered or executed or met their death in prison or on the field of battle. Nevertheless it is by their death that we have inherited such freedom as we now possess.

The long battle of constitutional liberty beginning with civilisation and not yet concluded was opened in this country by four great Churchmen. The first real check to the absolutism of Norman rule in England was given by Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the reign of William Rufus. He withstood the domination of the Crown that threatened the total enslavement of the nation, and the witness he bore to liberty was taken up and renewed in the centuries that followed. After Archbishop Anselm came Thomas of Canterbury "The Defender of the Poor"; Stephen Langton, who wrung, with the help of the Barons, "The Great Charter" from King John; Bishop Groseleste, the reformer, who inspired his pupil, Simon de Montfort, the Father of the English Parliament.

The verse of the thirteenth century chronicler, Rishanger of St. Albans, puts the case for Earl Simon and his party:—

The King that tries without advice to seek his people's weal  
Must often fail, he cannot know the wants and woes they feel.  
The Parliament must tell the King how he may serve them best,  
And he must see their wants fulfilled and injuries redressed.

When a King strays he ought to be called back into the way  
By those he rules, who lawfully his will may disobey  
Until he seeks the path; but when his wandering is o'er  
They ought to help and succour him and love him as before.

"Since that first Parliament of Earl Simon's in 1265 it has never been possible to get rid of the notion that representative government was a key to the portals of freedom," comments the writer, who adds, "and though the wider the freedom, the greater the responsibility, to the credit of the race at all times men and women have pressed forward, not rejecting responsibility."

The peasant revolts led by Wat Tyler and Jack Cade were directed against the wealthy classes, especially the landlords and their tools the lawyers, rather than against government of the King. It is interesting to note that Wat Tyler and his party took their stand on their right to personally petition the ruler of the country. "Let us go to the King and remonstrate with him, telling him we must have it otherwise, or we ourselves shall find the remedy." And when Richard II. sends to Tyler asking for a written statement of the grievances of the people, he is told: Not so! But the King must meet his subjects "face to face," and "hear with his own ears" their demands. Again a messenger is sent to warn the King that if he refuses to meet "the commons of England" in open conference Wat Tyler's peasant army will take the Tower. And Richard complies. His fair promises are taken with trust, his pledges accepted, the peasant army disbands, and overwhelming disaster follows. Thus again and again in the history of the struggle against oppression is the cause of the people betrayed and brought to ruin by this same foolish trust in some pledge or promise given by King or Government.

A tragic, yet withal a splendid, story is told in these pages. Above death, above defeat there is revealed the triumph of the upstanding human spirit. Perhaps the most pathetic chapter is that which tells of the Diggers' movement in 1649. The "Diggers Song" (the authorship of which is unknown) is a cry from the heart of the oppressed from all time. It is too long to quote. But here is one verse:—

The club is all their law, stand up now, stand up now.  
The club is all their law, stand up now;  
The club is all their law to keep poor men in awe,  
But they no vision saw to maintain such a law.  
Stand up now, Diggers all!

In his conclusion Mr. Clayton points to the Labour movement and to the Women's movement for political enfranchisement as a sign that "the battle of freedom is never done and the field never quiet." "Both these movements," he says, "the agitation of the Labour party for a fuller and more abundant life for wage earners, and the agitation of the Women for political

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enfranchisement, are proceeding in our midst—a guarantee that the centuries of struggle for freedom are not fruitless." The domination of kings has gone, the domination of religious intolerance has gone, the domination of a ruling class has practically disappeared. The domination of sex remains in its age-old form. But in this twentieth century women and men have risen to break that domination also, and to extend the bounds of liberty from one half to the whole of the people of this realm.

Emmeline Pethick Lawrence.

## "SONGS OF AWAKENING."

The gift season is with us once again, and the question becomes an urgent and pressing one—where can we find something beautiful enough to carry the greeting to our friends which we would send them at Christmas? A new book of short poems and songs, written by a woman, and full of the new life and hope that is stirring to-day in women's hearts, will be a welcome discovery to many who are asking this question. Such a book is Winifred Rose Carey's "Songs of Awakening." (Elkin Mathews, Vigo Street, W. Price 1s.)

The first page is dedicated to "The Newcomer"—

The light in her eyes is the light of youth,  
Her feet are shod with the sandals of dream;  
Love is her armour, her sword of truth  
Shall shatter the things which seem.

The present fulfils the past, and shall itself be fulfilled in the future. That is the underlying idea. It finds complete expression in a short poem of four lines, "Eternity"; that is the last in the little book:—

My heart, like the world, brims over with love which can never  
cease—  
A love that will gladly wander through glorious unknown ways,  
Where death shall be merged forever in deeps of infinite peace,  
And life shall forget the sorrows that died with the years and the  
days.

These songs are of The Earth Mother and her gifts "pierced with anguish and winged with life"; of love, both woman's love and man's; of hope and dream, desire, promise, and of joy in the old and in the new.

She whose radiance has suffered eclipse  
For while 'neath the iron rule of the strong,  
Claims her own with a song on her lips,  
And the world gives heed to her song.

E. P. L.

## RUSSIAN ART.

Russian literature has opened a new world of thought and imagination, and its influence has been felt throughout the civilised world. Russian music is distinct in national spirit and national passion. Hitherto little has been known in this country of Russian art. The first exhibition of Russian art ever held in London is now open at the Doré Galleries in Bond-street. The work of 100 leading artists can be seen and studied there, and the opportunity is one that should not be allowed to slip.

The sculpture section is dominated by a group in bronze. A woman, weary and grief-stricken, goes forth upon her way, bearing in her arms a child, and on her back a heavy cross. It is a new vision, this, of the woman as scapegoat as well as life-bearer, as the lifter-up and the bowed-down. But it is a vision of the truth. The Committee of the Russian Art Exhibition have given special permission to the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN to reproduce a photograph of this beautiful and remarkable bronze figure, and it will be published as a special Christmas supplement to VOTES FOR WOMEN next week.

There is no evidence in the exhibition of paintings of any school of Russian art as distinct from Western art generally. But there is very much of special and peculiar interest in the subject matter of the pictures themselves.

"The Beginning of the Great Wall" (a study by N. I. Kravtchenko) is full of age-old mystery. Night is falling over the desert, the red glow of the departing sun lights with dull fire the ancient structure whose foundations are laid in the waters of the Bay of Pechili. An interesting portrait of the Emperor Nicholas II. (lent by his Majesty) is exhibited by the same artist; also several pictures of Pekin, that walled city with its wonderful towers. And many scenes of the Russo-Chinese wars are depicted.

That Russia has the same economic problems as the rest of the Western world is shown in a very remarkable picture by N. I. Verhotouff, entitled "The Lock-out," where greed, hate, misery, and despair are intensely and vividly portrayed in haunting human faces.

Mr. K. Krijitsky makes a special study of the effects of snow and hoar-frost in sunlight, dawnlight, twilight, and moonlight. Of these, one (I think it is No. 55) is specially beautiful. The sun falls through an avenue of stately trees, covered with masses of new-fallen snow, which has crystallised during the night. The sunlight effect is wonderful.

There is the charm of a fairy tale about "An Old Mansion," painted by N. I. Ivanoff. Yet I could not tell the secret of that atmosphere of mystery and secret romance that draws one back to the picture again and again. A most interesting series of Monastery Studies is given by J. Schmidt. Two walls, a broad angle, a low archway, and above it a shrine! And yet a dream and a vision, and the sense of heaven found at last for the storm-tossed lives of men.

E. P. L.

## BOOKS RECEIVED.

"Spanish Journal of Elizabeth, Lady Holland." By the Earl of Ilchester. London: Longmans, Green, 15s. net.  
"Chains." By Edward Noble. London: Constable and Co. 6s.  
"1911. Daily Mirror Reflections." 1s.

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"Confound that ass, Jones, why on earth didn't he give the boy page one of his copy instead of only pages two and three? The Chief's out, and I don't know whose meeting he sent him to report. Read this."

The second sub-editor took the "copy" handed to him by the third sub-editor, and read the following:—

Our opponents say that they are prepared to trust the people. They say that the will of the people must prevail, but how do they show their love of the people? (A Voice: "How do you show yours?") My friends, our opponents show by their actions that their trust of the people is a sham.

At this point an extraordinary scene took place. The man who had cried before, "How do you show yours?" rose again and shouted, "And your trust of the people is also a sham or you wouldn't —" The rest of his remarks were lost in the hubbub which arose. For fully ten minutes pandemonium reigned, the centre of interest being the point at which the man had risen to interrupt. It was impossible to distinguish what happened, but it is to be presumed that the interrupter was ejected, because there was no further trouble from this quarter. Meanwhile the right hon. gentleman had been obliged to resume his seat. At last, when quiet was established, he rose again.

I was calling your attention to the hypocrisy which is practised by our opponents in professing to base their support upon the people of this country, when as a matter of fact —

At this point a further interruption took place at the back of the hall. It was difficult to see from the reporter's table exactly what took place, but it appeared that the interrupter was subjected to somewhat rough handling, for several of the other persons in the hall called out "Shame," but after a further interval of about ten minutes the right honourable gentleman was —

(I shall bring the remainder with me.—A. JONES.)

"Well," said the third sub-editor when he saw the second sub-editor had finished reading, "what do you make of it? There are so many speeches to-night in London, I don't know whose it is."

"Oh, it's simple enough. Anyhow, it's one of Balfour's lot gassing about the Referendum. You can write up the headlines and the introduction and send it up to the printer, and then when Jones comes along you can put in the actual name."

The third sub-editor was busy for a little while, and then passed up the introductory paragraph:—

THE VOICE IN FORM.

Tory Hypocrisy Exposed.

### BRUTAL BEHAVIOUR OF THE STEWARDS.

Never has the "Voice" been in better form than at — last night at the meeting of —. But also never has there been such a brutal exhibition of violence on behalf of Conservative stewards in the meeting. These men appear to have completely lost their heads, and to have acted in a way foreign to British ideas of fair play. Mr. — was evidently floored by the redoubtable "Voice" to such purpose that he was unable for a considerable time to address the audience. But his words, when they did come, showed that the bubble of his eloquence had been pricked. The hypocrisy of his attempt had been exposed by the few short words of the man whose insight into the principles of democracy had led him to make an interjection. Moreover, the interruption was not without its effect on the audience, for from that point onwards the words of the great man were not able to rouse them to any genuine enthusiasm.

"That'll do," said the second sub-editor, and sent the introduction and Jones's "copy" up to the printer with "more to follow" written at the end.

Half-an-hour later Jones appeared himself. "Awfully sorry," he said, "I didn't send you all my copy by the boy, but the fact is those Suffragettes so upset the whole meeting that I didn't see I had dropped some of it. Here's the rest."

"Good heavens," said the third sub-editor, "do you mean to say it was a Liberal meeting?"

"Of course it was, and I can tell you that the Suffragists came in for a pretty rough time. One of them got his teeth knocked in, I was told."

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When the paper appeared next day the following column described the incidents of the meeting:—

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The speech opened with a great appeal to the democracy. "Our opponents say that they are prepared to trust the people; they say that the will of the people must prevail; but they show by their actions that their trust of the people is a sham. (Here a man cried 'Votes for Women' and was ejected.) Our opponents profess to base their support on the people of the country, when, as a matter of fact, &c., &c."

No further reference to the interjections was made in the course of the report.

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## OUR VIEW OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

The General Election is now virtually over, and the result presents two outstanding features of interest to Suffragists. Firstly, the new House of Commons will contain an even larger majority than did the late House of Members prepared to vote for a practicable scheme of Woman Suffrage on the lines of the Conciliation Bill. Secondly, the Liberal Government still commands a Parliamentary majority in the House, and will therefore remain in office. The question still uncertain is whether the Government will in the new Parliament, as they did in the old one, defy the popular will by refusing to give the people's elected representatives the freedom to carry a Woman Suffrage Bill into law.

This Union has resolved that the matter shall be put to the test in the coming year. The Government may perhaps try to parry the demand that women shall be enfranchised in the first Session, by arguing that the time of Parliament will be monopolised by the Lords question. There are, however, indications that the Liberal and Unionist leaders, in view of the numerical weakness of the Liberal Party in the House, may enter upon another period of truce. In that case, the coming Session, like the one just ended, will afford an exceptionally favourable opportunity for dealing with Votes for Women. But even if this is not the case, and the

political parties are in conflict in the House concerning the Lords question, that will be no reason why a woman Suffrage Bill shall not be carried. Neither the Parliament Bill nor any other Bill, however great its importance, can possibly monopolise the whole time of Parliament in any given Session. We have seen how, under the present Government, not one, but several measures of major importance have been discussed in a single year. Thus, in the Session of 1906, Bills dealing with Education, Trades Disputes, Workmen's Compensation, Plural Voting, and several other subjects, passed through the House of Commons. In 1908, the Commons dealt with the Old Age Pensions Bill, the Licensing Bill, the Miners' Eight-Hour Bill, the Bill for University Education in Ireland, the Port of London Bill, the Children's Bill, and two measures dealing with land in Scotland. The excuse of lack of time, having been annually made during half a century, is no longer treated seriously by the advocates of woman Suffrage. As far as the coming Session is concerned, a quite sufficient answer to this excuse is that in the year in which the Government can find time to compel women to pay Members of Parliament, the Government can also find time to enable women to vote for Members of Parliament.

It is because the Government foresaw that the demand for votes next Session would be urged with logic and persistence that they produced their sham pledge to give facilities for a Woman Suffrage Bill in the new Parliament. Their plan was to tell us each Session that as their pledge had no reference to that particular Session, we could not yet claim its fulfilment. They appear to have hoped that women would be deceived by such tactics, and would consent, during the whole course of this new Parliament, patiently to wait and see whether or no the "pledge" would be broken. The Government may even have thought that at the ensuing General Election they could once more repeat their pledge and thus hold the militant movement in check during yet another Parliament—and so on, without end. But as women have now emerged from the condition of political infancy in which the Liberal leaders and other Anti-Suffragists have striven so hard to keep them, the Government's transparent device has ludicrously failed. We shall urge our demand for votes next Session with all the vigour and by all the means at our disposal.

As one member of the Government—perhaps without intending it—has clearly shown, the Session of 1911 is the supremely right and favourable moment for carrying a measure for women's enfranchisement. Referring to the work which lies before Parliament in the Coronation year, Mr. Churchill tells us that in certain immense and necessary labours having for their object the reconciliation of the races within the United Kingdom, the unification of the Empire, the correction of social, political and religious inequalities, the new House of Commons, irrespective of party divisions, will find much common ground. He continued, "I think that it is the wish of every one of us gathered here to-night that the Coronation of the King shall display to all the world, not only the abiding loyalty of the British Empire to the institution of monarchy, and its attachment to the person of the Sovereign, but shall also make manifest the deep and fundamental unity which underlies the clamorous conflicts of British national life; that there shall be a season of rejoicing and of amity, of concord and good feeling, in which Liberal and Conservative, Churchman and Non-conformist, shall bear their part; in which Welshmen and Scotsmen shall be conspicuous, and from which Irishmen shall not be excluded." In the aspiration thus expressed, we who are fighting for the enfranchisement of women entirely concur, but we deny that national unity can be complete which has not as its basis equality of political right between the manhood and the womanhood of the nation. The season of universal peace and rejoicing to which Mr. Churchill looks forward cannot become a reality unless in the meantime the stigma of disfranchisement has been removed from women, unless the women of the mother country have been endowed with the dignity of citizenship, which belongs already to their sisters on the other side of the world.

Christabel Pankhurst.

# AN EMPIRE BUILDER.

The Story of Caroline Chisholm. By Una Stratford Dugdale.

Caroline Chisholm's name is not familiar; it is unknown to most of us, and yet the life-work of this woman resulted in a continent's well-being—a continent whose motto is "Advance Australia," and whose enlightened system of Government, including women as well as men as free voting citizens, Great Britain would do well to imitate.

The French historian Michelet says:—"The fifth part of the world, Australia has up to now but one saint, one legend, and that saint is a British woman. Without fortune or help she did more for the new world than all the emigration societies and the British Government put together. The richest, most powerful Government of the world, master of India and a hundred million men, failed in this colony where a simple woman succeeded through her force of character and vigour of soul."

Born in 1808, Caroline was the daughter of a Northamptonshire yeoman called Jones. Her father was very liberal-minded, and had considerable local position. He was a great champion of the oppressed, and once gave refuge to a priest in danger of being stoned by an angry mob.

The child Caroline used to listen for hours to the priest's stories of travel and adventure and of his work amongst the poor and suffering, and his words acted like an inspiration to her. Years later, when Captain Archibald Chisholm, an officer in the East India Company's service, entreated her to marry him, she demurred until he understood that her work would not be limited to the scope of the "home," but would be extended outside to the uttermost of her powers.

Captain Chisholm, recognising her wonderful capabilities, adhered faithfully to these conditions, and throughout their married life stood by her in whatever she undertook. Caroline Chisholm's first centre of activity was in Madras.

There she founded an industrial school for orphans and soldiers' daughters. In those days there was no educational institution of any kind, and this school combined elementary education with the domestic arts, cooking, sewing, and housekeeping.

Some years later Mrs. Chisholm was sent to Australia for her health, and took up her residence in Sydney, New South Wales. Here her attention was soon drawn to the terrible plight awaiting the hundreds of young women emigrants on landing in Sydney. They were nearly all utterly destitute; there was no society to receive them, no provision made for them, and the transportation system was in full swing. At one time there were actually 600 girl emigrants wandering homeless about Sydney, sleeping in recesses of the rocks rather than face the dangers of the streets.

Mrs. Chisholm immediately opened the doors of her own home, and took in a goodly number. But with her children and household it was impossible to manage anything on a large scale there, so she applied to the Governor for help.

At first he took no notice of her appeal, but she persisted, until he consented to see the "lady labouring under delusions," and was very surprised to find her a handsome young woman instead of "the old frump" he had imagined. After much persuasion he gave her the use of part of an old Government building on condition the Government be put to no expense.

These are her own words describing her first night there:

"On closing the door I reflected on what I had been compelled to endure for 49 square feet. My first feelings were those of indignation that such a trifle had been so long withheld, but better feelings followed. I determined to trust to Providence to increase its size and prove my usefulness. Having been busy all day I retired wearied to rest. My courage was put to the proof at starting. Scarce was the light out when I fancied from a noise I heard that dogs must be in the room, and in some terror I got a light. What I experienced on seeing rats in all directions I cannot describe. My first act was to throw on a cloak and get at the door with the intent of leaving the building. My second thoughts were, if I did so, my desertion would cause much amusement, and ruin my plan. I therefore lighted a second candle, and, seating myself on my bed, kept there, until three rats descending from the roof alighted on my shoulders. I felt I was getting in a fever, and that in fact I should be very ill before morning, but to be out-generalled by rats was too bad. I got up with some resolution, I had

two loaves and some butter (for my office, bedroom, and pantry were one), and cut it into slices, placed the whole in the middle of the room, put a dish of water convenient, and with a light by my side sat on the bed reading 'Abercrombie,' and watching the rats until four in the morning. I at one time counted 13, and never less than seven did I observe at the dish during the night. The following night I gave them a similar treat, with the addition of arsenic. Thus I passed my first four nights at the Home."

But after a few days a real beginning with the work was made, and immediate success was the outcome of the venture. Private subscriptions found their way towards supporting it. Mrs. Chisholm next took the responsibility of finding situations for these girls, and escorted large parties into the interior, getting them good places in the farms and homesteads. She used to ride often 300 miles into the country on her horse, Captain, named after her husband, and soon became universally known and beloved.

She was once stuck up by bushrangers, but when they looked at her and heard her voice they said, "You are Caroline Chisholm; go on, God bless you, never will we touch you or your party."

A boatman said to her once when Mrs. Chisholm offered him payment. "No, ma'am, you don't know



CAROLINE CHISHOLM.

(Reproduced from a painting in the possession of her daughter.)

me, but I know you, and may my arm wither from its socket if ever I touch money of yours."

Later Mrs. Chisholm undertook the placing of male emigrants and also the settlement of families. The minimum Government grant of land was 300 acres at £1 an acre—far too much for poor settlers, so Mrs. Chisholm got large proprietors to let the emigrants have smaller farms of 15 to 40 acres on easy terms. This also was so successful that the Government climbed down and sold their land, too, in smaller lots.

In seven years no fewer than 11,000 persons were settled in New South Wales through the enterprise of this woman, and all the Government gave was the meagre sum of £130. Besides this Mrs. Chisholm was most anxious to improve the condition of the convicts. She found that the greater facilities out there for earning an honest living had done more for the reformation of the prisoner than any other cause. She therefore returned to England, gave evidence before a Royal Commission in the House of Lords, and by her persistence obtained free passages for the wives of convicts on ticket-of-leave in New South Wales. In a public letter to Earl Grey, entitled "Emigration and Transportation Relatively Considered," she says, "If Her Majesty's Government be really desirous of seeing a well-conducted community spring up in these colonies the social wants of the people must be considered."

Her house in London became an emigrants' information bureau, and she founded the Family Colonisation Loan Society, funds to be repaid when the families had settled. Mrs. Chisholm also wrote a book "The A.B.C. of Colonisation." By 1863 416,000 emigrants had benefited by her work. She then went out to Australia again, and for 12 years devoted her time to arduous work, returning to England utterly shattered in health, and having spent £10,000 in fighting for progress; the gratitude of the British Government towards this woman, described by someone "as a saint with the qualifications of a statesman," expressed itself in the magnificent pension of £100.

Caroline Chisholm died in 1877. Many are the innovations she introduced.

She started the first shelter sheds for travellers in the

bush, and instituted deck ventilation on emigrant ships.

Mr. Robert Lowe (afterwards Viscount Sherbrooke), a member of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, said of her, "One person only in the colony has done anything effectual, anything on a scale which may be called large, to mitigate this crying evil and national sin, and to fix families on our lands in lieu of bachelors. And strange to say that one is a humble, unpretending, quiet working female missionary! An emigrant missionary, not a clerical one. The singularity of her mission, looking at the nature of her work, is one of the most original ever devised or undertaken by man or woman, and the object, the labour, and the design are all beyond praise."

The *Westminster Gazette* also declared, "Mrs. Chisholm has done more for the moral regeneration of the Australian colonies than all their clergy with their four bishops to boot."

## TREASURER'S NOTE.

"I can't begin to tell you how much I feel about the great work you English women are doing in the cause of women," writes Mrs. Hutcheson Page, of Massachusetts. "I have decided to translate my feelings into deeds as you preach so eloquently in the militant movement, and I have collected a little fund, which I enclose." Our friends in Massachusetts have sent £25. Our friends in New York sent £60, acknowledged last week. Friends in the West Indies have sent a little collection amounting to over £4. Friends in Brittany have sent dolls dressed in different local costumes to be sold for the funds. Friends in Russia have written to the Prime Minister a letter of strongly-worded protest against the treatment of our members. The influence of our struggle for liberty here extends throughout the world, and in our newly awakened sense of the solidarity of womanhood there is both inspiration and strength.

E. P. L.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND.

December 5 to December 10.

* Already acknowledged	£ s. d.	Per Miss Phillips—	£ s. d.
Miss Cecilia Mackenzie	2 0 0	Mrs. Potter	0 0 0
Miss Eva Mackenzie	2 0 0	Miss Middleton	0 0 0
Peterboro' Meeting (per Miss Ward and Miss Seymour)	2 2 0	Miss Symes	0 1 6
Miss J. M. Morgan	1 0 0	Miss Moss	0 2 0
Extra on "V. I. W." at Tottenham Court Road	0 2 6	Miss N. Newton	0 2 6
Fit	0 2 6	Mrs. Newton	0 2 6
Mrs. Haydeé Ward Higgs	5 0 0	Mrs. Trenholme	0 2 0
Lady Steel	50 0 0	Miss Urquhart	0 2 0
"Matilda"	0 2 6	Miss Roberts	0 2 0
Miss Helen T. Lewis	1 1 0	Miss F. Roberts	0 0 6
Mrs. Morris	10 0 0	Miss Oliver	0 1 0
Misses E. and K. Purdey	0 5 0	Miss Vaughan	0 1 0
Mrs. J. A. Rufford	0 13 6	Miss Morris Hughes (per collected at Mrs. Bradford's meeting)	1 12 0
Miss H. Maitland Nisbet	0 5 0	Sale of toffee	0 10 0
Miss Caroline Townshend	0 10 0	Profit on literature	1 8 2
Miss Sarah L. Stiel	1 0 0	Miss Beresford	0 2 6
Mrs. Norman Parley	1 0 0	Miss Knight	0 5 0
Miss Evelyn Sharp	1 1 0	Miss Holmes	0 2 0
Miss Constance B. Marsden	0 15 0	Miss Kemp	0 2 0
Mrs. Arthur Sykes	3 3 0	Miss Green	0 1 0
Miss M. I. Rolison	1 0 0	Miss Davies	0 2 0
Mrs. Emilie W. Suhr	0 1 6	Miss Armes	0 2 0
Miss Katherine Balfour	10 0 0	Anon.	0 2 6
Miss J. Harrop	0 17 6	Mrs. Hall	0 4 0
Miss Constance Harro	0 3 0	Mrs. Goodison	0 2 0
Miss A. J. Case	0 2 6	Mrs. Jackson	0 1 0
"A Scarborough Member" (per Miss A. Sufeld)	0 10 0	Mrs. Hewitt	0 1 6
Mrs. Joan Cather	5 0 0	Mrs. Bompas	0 5 0
Anon (per Mrs. Reinold)	5 0 0	Mrs. Harding	0 2 0
Miss M. A. H. Barker	0 5 0	Mrs. C. Child	0 2 0
"E. H."	0 5 0	Mrs. J. Child	0 0 6
"A. H."	0 5 0	Miss Hanson	0 0 6
Miss S. E. A. Barker	0 3 6	Miss Hartland	0 2 6
Rev. H. Collier	0 5 0	Miss Gill	0 0 6
Mrs. L. Dalton	0 5 0	Miss Allinson	0 0 6
R. B. Bousfield, Esq.	1 0 0	Miss Hopwood	0 2 0
"Elizabeth Jane"	0 5 0	Miss Campbell	0 2 0
Mrs. Theodora B. Bonwick	1 0 0	Per Miss G. Roe	
Mrs. P. Alexander	2 0 0	Mrs. Douglas Reid	1 0 0
Miss Kathleen Corcoran	1 1 0	Per Miss Fraser Smith	
Miss A. E. Willson	5 0 0	Mrs. Logan	0 1 0
Miss D. Meibohm	5 0 0	"Two Dundee Faithfuls"	0 5 0
Miss B. Reid	0 5 0	Mrs. Violet Tweedale	1 10 0
Per Miss Brackenbury		Anon., Dundee	0 10 0
Miss Drummond (lecture fee)	0 5 0	Per The Woman's Press	
Miss Lee (travelling expenses)	0 3 6	Miss B. A. West	0 5 0
"Inspired by Antis"	0 2 6	For General Election.	
Miss Brackenbury	5 0 0	Miss A. M. Wilson	0 10 0
Extra paid on "V. I. W."	0 1 0	Miss M. Taylor (sale of brooch)	5 0 0
Per Miss L. Burns	0 2 6	Miss Lambert	0 5 0
Miss Cecil Robertson	1 0 0	Miss K. Griffith	1 0 0
Mrs. Anderson	1 0 0	Miss F. A. Bardsley, B.A.	10 0 0
"Another disgusted Liberal"	5 0 0	Miss B. K. Granger	1 0 0
Mrs. Grieves (collected at Drawing-room meeting)	0 11 0	Per Miss L. Burns	
Per Miss Flatman	1 2 0	Miss A. L. McNeill	0 2 6
Miss Lupton	0 10 0	Miss L. H. M. Bruce	0 5 0
Miss Lindred	0 10 0	Per The Woman's Press	
Miss Evelyn Sharp	0 18 0	Mrs. K. Lilling	0 10 0
Miss Scott (Glasgow Suffrage Veteran)	0 2 6	For Organiser Fund.	
Mrs. J. A. Hall	0 5 0	Miss C. F. E. Spurgeon	3 0 0
Mrs. Kelly	0 10 0	Miss Mary G. Regan	0 4 0
Per Miss Harrison		Miss Lilian Clapham	1 0 0
Miss Smith (Jumble Sale)	3 8 0	For Southport Exhibition.	
Miss Trill	0 5 0	Per Miss Flatman	
Mrs. Loft	0 1 0	Miss "Two Sisters"	0 6 3
Mrs. W. Holmes	0 10 0	Miss Lee	0 5 0
R. Dixon, Esq.	0 10 0	Miss Gertrude Lavelle	0 2 6
"Ilkington W.S.F.U."	0 8 6	lyn	0 2 6
Per Mrs. Mansel		Miss Geraldine Lyster	0 10 0
Collected for wagonette for polling day	0 7 8	Miss Hoy (sale of goods)	4 15 7
Sale of sweets	0 1 1	Membership Fees	3 13 0
Sale of needlework	0 1 5	Collections, etc.	
Sale of tea	0 1 1	London	61 10 3
		Per Miss Brackenbury	1 7 8
		Per Miss Burns	1 11 2
		Per Miss Flatman	18 9 6
		Per Miss Harrison	7 13 8
		Per Miss Phillips	20 6 2
		Per Miss Fraser Smith	1 15 2
		Total	£27,311 18 7

\* NOTE.—The item "Mrs. Murphy, Esq." shown in issue of November 25 should have been £4 11s. 6d. The difference of 2s. 6d. is deducted from above total.

Cheques should be made out to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and crossed, "Barclay and Co."

# THE GENERAL ELECTION.

## Additional Successes of the Women's Social and Political Union.

Last week we were able to chronicle remarkable successes in four special constituencies where the W.S.P.U. had been at work—Birkenhead, Darlington, North Islington and West St. Pancras.

This week we have an equally successful result to record. In Bodmin (Cornwall), in Melton (Leicestershire), in Mid-Devon in Torquay, and in Dudley, where our organisers were specially at work, the Liberals have lost a seat; Denbigh Burghs was held against the Liberal onslaught by 9 votes (the majority at the last election being 9); in Southport the anti-Government majority was increased from 419 to 669, while Mr. Churchill's majority in Dundee was decreased by over 2,500 votes.

Several other constituencies are polling as we go to press.

### CORNWALL (Bodmin).

**RESULT.**  
Sir Reginald Pole-Carew (C) .. 5,021  
James Foot (L) .. 4,998  
Con. maj. .. 23  
Result in Jan. — C., 5,135; L., 5,093; Maj., 42.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Jessie Smith, Grove Park, Liskeard.

Another splendid triumph for the women, who have worked hard to gain this result.

Mrs. Montague and Miss Strangeways held a most successful open-air meeting at Liskeard on Monday, December 5. The crowd gave them a most attentive hearing, and one man remarked, "They have tongues like lawyers." On the same day Miss Jessie Smith and Miss Edith Williams held a meeting in Alexandra Square, Saltash. When it began to rain the suggestion was made to close the meeting, but a voice shouted from a group of men who were closely following the account of the deputisation, "Go on, Miss; if you can stick it, we can," and for over two hours they listened. Daily open-air meetings have been held in both places, and most successful indoor meetings at the Grammar School, Lostwithiel, and at Torpoint Institute, when Mr. Nevins was the speaker. The hall was packed, and many people had to be turned away. Pamphlets and VOTES FOR WOMEN sold well, and good collections were taken. On Friday splendid meetings were held in Fowey, and addressed by Mr. Nevins, Miss Jessie Smith, Miss Clarence, and Mrs. Bouvier. Collections were good, and the audiences splendid. Two members sold 70 copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN in two days at Bodmin, and much interest was shown at the open-air meeting on Thursday night.

### DENBIGH.

**RESULT.**  
Hon. W. Ormsby Gore (C) .. 2,325  
G. C. Rees (L) .. 2,296  
Con. maj. .. 29  
Result in Jan. — C., 2,439; L., 2,400; Maj., 39.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss E. Barrett, A.S., Bull Hotel, Denbigh.

Votes for Women was kept well before the voters during the election. All the towns in the constituency were well canvassed with W.S.P.U. election addresses and open-air meetings were held in Denbigh, Ruthin and Wrexham. Mr. Ormsby Gore, the successful candidate and member of the Conciliation Committee, had Votes for Women in his election address, and in his speeches made good use of the fact that the Government had placed its veto on the Conciliation Bill to emphasise the hypocrisy of the Liberal position at this election. The Liberal candidate did not refer to the question at all, and when questioned stated that he had not made up his mind on the subject.

### DEVONSHIRE (Mid.).

**RESULT.**  
Capt. E. F. Morrison-Bell (C) .. 5,579  
C. R. Buxton (L) .. 5,225  
Con. maj. .. 354  
Result in Jan. — C., 5,682; L., 5,421; Maj., 261.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Annie Kenney.

### DEVONSHIRE (Torquay).

**RESULT.**  
Col. G. H. Burn (C) .. 5,161  
Sir F. Lyland Barrett (L) .. 4,971  
Con. maj. .. 190  
Result in Jan. — C., 5,104; L., 5,093; Maj., 11.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Annie Kenney, c/o Miss Twiss, 11, Regent Road, Torquay.

"Torquay Division passed vote of censure on Government. Majority, 130. Just off to Dartmouth." In these words Miss Kenney announced the great victory for the women at Torquay. It has been a most glorious election campaign. The meetings have been a huge success. Torquay Theatre having been filled twice in just over a week. In Melton the town hall was packed twice in one day with a wonderful audience, full of enthusiasm, interest and undivided attention. The eagerness of the people to hear about the movement has been most marked. There has been no opposition throughout the whole election. The electors and the women in the Torquay division who attended the meetings gave the Suffragettes a most hearty, homely welcome wherever they went. Open-air and indoor meetings have been held all over the constituency. In the

theatre in Torquay the other day the organiser asked for a second collection, one man got up and shouted, "You shall have another bob out of me, Miss Kenney. You're a brick, and we'll fight for you." Thanks to Mrs. Brailsford and Mr. Nevins for their valuable assistance during the election. £16 19s. 4d. has been taken in collections alone, hundreds of pennies being given by the trawlers and women throughout the constituency. £11 19s. 6d. has also come in in subscriptions. Total amount raised in the Torquay division alone, £28 18s. 10d.

### DUDLEY.

**RESULT.**  
Major Griffith-Boscawen (C) .. 3,200  
A. G. Hooper (L) .. 2,900  
Con. maj. .. 300  
Result in Jan. — C., 3,342; L., 3,155; Maj., 187.  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—4, Union Street.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Jurkitt.

Another seat lost to the Government that denies women justice.

The very treatment which Suffragists at first received at Dudley has been the means of gaining them much public sympathy, and has helped to turn many votes. Four Liberal men in one instance, being indignant with the way the women were treated, promised at once to vote against their Party. A decorated wagonette drove about the constituency on polling day to relieve the pickets at the polling stations, and the colours were well cheered. Local Liberals seemed to realise that the women had influenced votes, for they were very indignant, and, after the poll was declared, tore down the boards from the W.S.P.U. Committee Room windows.

### DUNDEE.

**RESULT.**  
Right Hon. Winston Churchill (L) .. 3,200  
A. Wilkie (Lab.) .. 3,257  
Sir G. Baxter (C) .. 3,406  
J. Seymour Lloyd (C) .. 3,414  
R. Scrymgeour (Pro.) .. 1,825  
Lib. maj. .. 2,583  
Result in Jan. — L., 10,747; Lab., 10,365; C., 4,552; L.U., 1,539; Pro., 1,512; Maj., 5,813.  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—51, Nethergate.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Fraser Smith.

Members are rejoicing greatly over the substantial reduction of 2,640 in Mr. Churchill's majority. Many thanks to all who worked so hard during the election, and many thanks to the men supporters who heckled Mr. Churchill at those meetings to which women were not admitted. At a woman's meeting on Wednesday December 7, Mr. Churchill was speaking of the gallant Liberal Party when Miss Moorhead rose and reminded him that the said gallant party was forcibly feeding women in prison, and in order to express her indignation she threw an egg at the Home Secretary, who had ordered this brutal treatment. She was ejected with great violence. Wednesday, Dec. 21.—51, Nethergate, Miss Hudson, 8 p.m.

### ESSEX (South-East).

**RESULT.**  
J. H. M. Kirkwood (C) .. 10,108  
J. R. Burrows (L) .. 5,091  
Con. maj. .. 5,017  
Result in Jan. — C., 11,199; L., 9,282; Maj., 1,917.  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—High Street, Rayleigh.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Mrs. Warren, B.A.

A great deal of propaganda work has been done in Rayleigh, Thundersley, Rochford, and surrounding villages. The W.S.P.U. election literature has been placed in practically every house in these villages, and the committee rooms have been open daily from 11 a.m. till 9 or 10 p.m., where continuous questions have been answered, information given, and literature sold. Two good meetings were held in Rayleigh on Friday and Saturday, addressed by Miss Cather, Mr. Warren, Mrs. Warren, and Mr. Frank Rafter. The audiences were large and interested.

### GLASGOW (Central).

**RESULT.**  
Right Hon. C. S. Dikson (C) .. 5,063  
Prof. A. F. Morrison (L) .. 5,007  
Con. maj. .. 56  
Result in Jan. — C., 5,713; L., 5,658; Maj., 55.  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—502, Saughiehall Street.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Barbara Wylie.

The election is over and the Conservative majority is increased. Miss Pankhurst's meeting at St. Andrew's Hall was a great success. The hall was packed and many had to be turned away, but those who were fortunate enough to hear Miss Pankhurst were roused by her splendid oratory and magnificent grasp of the political situation to a fervent and lasting enthusiasm. The Rev. Ambrose Shepherd in the chair paid a generous tribute to the noble work done by Mrs. Pankhurst. Members were all delighted to have on the platform Miss Ellison Gibb, who had been released from prison on December 7. Hearty thanks to those members who worked so hard and so loyally to make the meeting the success it was, particularly Miss Frances McPherson, ticket secretary, Miss Underwood, who transformed the grim hall into a purple, white, and green bower, Mrs. Hector and Miss Livingston; all worked well, and not least well those who served so valiantly at the advertisement desks worn by "Our Elect.".

### KENT (Faversham).

**RESULT.**  
G. C. H. Wheeler (C) .. 5,507  
G. Nicholls (L) .. 5,111  
Con. maj. .. 396  
Result in Jan. — C., 7,438; L., 5,394; Maj., 2,044.  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—44, High Street, Sittingbourne.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Mrs. Robinson.

This election has been the occasion of the first appearance of the woman's colours in this part of Kent. The secretary made a brave show with the tricolours at her house, and with the valuable help of Mrs. Tomkins of Canterbury, manifestoes were distributed, and the W.S.P.U. policy explained to the electors. Both these members had already done splendid work at the Canterbury election.

### LANCASHIRE (Southport).

**RESULT.**  
Major Dalrymple White (C) .. 7,557  
H. D. Woodcock (L) .. 6,706  
Con. maj. .. 851  
Result in Jan. — C., 7,537; L., 7,218; Maj., 419.  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—20, Nevill Street.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Dora Maslin.

It has been acknowledged on all sides that the W.S.P.U. is the third party in this election and that it has been instrumental in bringing about the return of Major White, who was rather fearful of his chances. Miss Pankhurst's meeting was an enormous success, and made a great impression in the town. But for the women's campaign the Liberal would undoubtedly have got in. Even the local papers have commented on the rudeness of the Liberals which was most marked. On one occasion when their candidate and Miss Marsden arrived simultaneously at the Vulcan Motor Works to address the men, Miss Marsden offered to allow him to speak and she would wait until the next day. Mr. Woodcock's childish manner to her produced a most unfavourable effect on the men. They listened to him, but when he had finished they allowed him to reach his car without a word. Then, though he raised his hat to them, they hoisted him as he drove away, and raised cheer after cheer for the women.

On polling day there were over twenty pickets at the polling booths, and they had a splendid time. The Watch Committee and the Chief Constable had taken special precautions to see they were not even hustled. The men, too, at the various meetings were sympathetic and helpful. The workers at Southport have had a very hard time, but it has been worth it. One noticeable feature about this election was its peacefulness in comparison with that held in January. One great difficulty encountered was the refusal of Nonconformist churches to lend school rooms for meetings.

### LEICESTERSHIRE (East, or Melton).

**RESULT.**  
Col. G. H. Yate (C) .. 7,599  
Major Dunne (L) .. 7,257  
Con. maj. .. 342  
Result in Jan. — C., 7,748; L., 7,535; Maj., 123.  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—275, Belgrave Gate.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Dorothy Pethick.

Members may congratulate themselves on having considerably contributed towards the success of "keeping the Liberal out" in the Melton division. They have worked splendidly, both at stewarding, canvassing and speaking, and men comrades have spared neither time nor pains to stand in with the necessarily rather strenuous work in so short a space of time. Revolted Liberal men and women were a particular feature on W.S.P.U. Election platforms, and their sincere appeals did not fail to call forth hearty response from the audience.

### SHEFFIELD (Hallam).

**RESULT.**  
Rt. Hon. C. B. Stewart Wortley (C) .. 5,758  
Arthur Neal (L) .. 5,598  
Con. maj. .. 160  
Result in Jan. — C., 6,181; L., 5,965; Maj., 216.  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—45, Marlborough Road, Sheffield.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Ada Pankhurst.

The election campaign resulted in the reduction of the Liberal vote by 400. Many compliments have been received from voters as to the excellence of the local speakers who have been so ably trained by Miss Lillian Hawson. The local members ran an excellent campaign. The meetings at Sharrow Lane Schools and Langsett Road and Mosley Street were especially noteworthy as being quite crowded and most enthusiastic. There were many voters who declined to vote at all owing to the treatment of the suffrage question by the Government.

## Results to Come.

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE (Wisbech).

Polling Day, Wednesday, December 14.  
Candidates.—Hon. Neil Primrose (L.), Lord Robert Cecil (C).  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—White Lion Temperance Hotel.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Grace Fox.  
Result in Jan. — L., 5,319; C., 5,079; Maj., 240.

The result of the polling in this division will not be known before we go to Press; but whatever the result may be, Votes for Women has aroused very much interest and great enthusiasm, especially amongst the women

farmers. Mrs. Pankhurst has addressed three crowded indoor meetings daily in the various centres during the last week. Keen interest has been aroused amongst the women, and many new members have joined. At one meeting 15 new members were enrolled. The visit of Miss Decima Moore was immensely appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to hear her. A gentleman in Wisbech very kindly arranged an At-Home to enable Mrs. Pankhurst and Miss Decima Moore to come in touch with industrial residents in the neighbourhood. Thanks to the untiring energy of speakers and workers practically every village in this large constituency has heard of Votes for Women. At Chatteris, alone, 20 dozen Votes for Women were sold in five days, and on Saturday eight dozen were sold.

"Entering a chemist's shop to make a purchase," a correspondent writes, "I found the chemist engrossed in reading Votes for Women that for some minutes he did not notice my entrance. I attracted his attention at last, to his very evident annoyance at being 'disturbed' from the fascinating paper. He returned to his reading before I had time to get out of his shop. Again, on visiting an office to arrange about a letter, the clerks informed me that they would be getting into serious trouble as they could not do any work till they had read the paper from beginning to end."

W.S.P.U. colours are worn by everyone. A member asked a man buying a badge if he would wear it faithfully till the election was over. "Rather," was the reply, "and for many a long day after." He finished by telling us everyone was saying that the women talked practical politics, but that at the other meetings the speakers merely abused the other candidate, or made silly jokes. Some violence has been displayed by Liberal partisans, and one W.S.P.U. worker, Miss Sylvia Hart, has had her eyes injured, having been struck by a rotten apple covered with pepper.

### Points from a Speech by Mrs. Pankhurst.

There never could be a better time for talking about Votes for Women than during a General Election. She wanted to remind them that on Wednesday 12,000 men would be going to vote in this constituency, and there were between 1,000 and 2,000 women just as much entitled to that privilege as the men. What was it gave a man the right to vote? Not because he was a man. (Laughter.) Men got the vote not because they were law abiding or because they were intelligent, or because they were sober, or honest, or moral—(laughter)—but because they were holders of property, or payers of rent, or because they possessed a University degree. If this was so, then was it not unjust to say that just because they were born women, they should not have the privilege and protection of the vote like the men had? Politics should be the noblest of all things in our national life, and the very welfare of our country depended upon our politics being clean. (Applause.) Where were they going to find the solution to all this if rank degeneracy went on at the present rate of progress? The quarrel between the Liberal Party and the House of Lords was a small question as compared with these greater human issues that were perplexing every man and woman in our midst to-day. She was willing to give men credit for the best possible intentions, but however well intentioned they might be, just because they were men they could not see as women could see, what was their point of view and their best interests. She protested against these laws being made until the laws affecting the welfare of women were subjected to the consent of women. "If it civil war we are in for," Mrs. Pankhurst said to the accompaniment of more applause. "In common justice the consent of the women of the country must be obtained before Parliament imposes any kind of rule upon us which goes right into our homes and regulates every part of our daily life." She came there to tell them that women would have had the vote to-day if the Prime Minister had not vetoed their Bill after it had passed a successful second reading. They were asking the voters to pass a vote of censure on the Government for the way in which they had treated the claims of women.

### ST. ANDREWS BURGHS.

Polling Day, Saturday, Dec. 17.  
Candidates.—Major Anstruther Gony (C), J. D. Millar (L).  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—5, Bell Street, St. Andrews.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss C. W. Haig.  
Result in Jan. — C., 1,507; L., 1,489; Maj., 18.

A busy week has passed. Electors have been visited and meetings held at all the seven "burghs." Mrs. Mackworth and Miss Muriel Scott most kindly came for three days, and Miss Scott's meeting at the Town Hall, St. Andrews, was such a success that many who came to her went away half converted. There seems a terrible need here for the improvement of women's position.

### YORKS (Buckrose).

Polling Day, Friday, December 16.  
Candidates.—Colonel M. Sykes (C), Sir John White (L).  
W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms.—Kings Hotel, Driffield.  
W.S.P.U. Organiser.—Miss Mary Phillips.  
Result in Jan. — C., 4,357; L., 4,339; Maj., 118.

The people of this division have responded most enthusiastically to the work done, though most of them had never attended Suffrage meetings before. They have evidently thought much on the subject, and greet Suffragettes with expressions of approval and sympathy everywhere. Even in

the most Liberal quarters the W.S.P.U. policy seems to be well understood. The meetings at Driffield and Bridlington markets have been especially good, though the latter took place in the rain. Miss Millar Wilson has been invaluable, having given herself entirely to speaking and working in the election during the whole of the Buckrose and part of the Scarborough campaign. Miss Mabel Piper has also given splendid help in stewarding and canvassing.

In addition to the constituencies which have been worked by the W.S.P.U. members have been doing splendid propaganda work in many places. Newport members distributed thousands of W.S.P.U. election leaflets, and sold many papers outside different political meetings being held at Cardiff last week. On polling day they also stood outside the polling booths, selling *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. In Mr. McKenna's constituency members worked hard and succeeded in lowering the majority of last January. In Oxford city a good open-air meeting was held on the eve of the poll, and an election campaign has been carried on by members. New ground has been broken, and the way opened for further suffrage work in several places. A meeting in connection with this work was held in Banbury on Wednesday, December 14.

At Falmouth Miss Ross and Mrs. Frank Corbett have been doing splendid work. A meeting was held at the Polytechnic Hall on the night of December 5, when Miss Helen Ogston gave a most striking and spirited address; Mrs. Frank Corbett was in the Chair. The audience were most interested, and the questions asked by many men showed the great impression that had been made. Polling day saw the Suffragettes close to the polling booths to remind men of their new duty. The next day several Conservatives expressed astonishment at the large increase of Mr. Goldman's majority, whilst Liberals acknowledged themselves frankly puzzled. *Votes for Women* is a live issue down here. At a meeting of the local Women's Liberal Association, Mrs. Corbett suggested that as they had decided to work for the Liberal candidate, they would ask of him a written pledge that if Mr. Asquith and the Liberal Government again refused facilities for a third reading of the Bill, he will, if elected, resign his seat in Parliament as a protest. Miss Corbett replied, and strongly recommended the Liberal women of the united borough to ask Mr. Burt if he would take that course if elected. She thought that a threat from the Liberals that they would resign would bring the question to a practical issue. At the following places, among others, great activity has also been evident:—Ilford, Bexhill-on-Sea, Bournemouth, Bradford, Rayleigh, Falmouth, Harrogate, Preston, Oxford, and Newbury.

#### CANTERBURY.

At Canterbury where the Unionist majority was increased by over 400 votes, the courteous attention given by the Liberal as well as

Conservative electors to the women's appeal met undoubtedly with a response at the ballot-box. Canterbury was not at a loss to account for this, for it was at once said that the W.S.P.U. made the Liberals lose hundreds of votes. It is impossible to state how much valuable service Mrs. Tomkins, of the County Hotel, has done for the cause by her generous hospitality to the workers, and loan of horses, &c. Very hearty thanks to her, and to Mrs. and Miss Jones, who came over from Margate in their motor, and drove about all day from one polling station to another with colours flying and posters displayed. Also to Mrs. and Miss Horsley and Mrs. Brewster, of Canterbury, Mrs. Robinson, from Sittingbourne, and Miss Worsfold, with Mrs. and Miss Colman, from Folkestone, who helped at the meetings, distributed manifestoes, and stood nearly all day at the polling stations. The election policy and militant methods received a splendid hearing at the open-air meetings, and the campaign is being followed up by a series of indoor meetings. At a meeting on December 8 in the County Hotel, when a beautiful room was kindly placed at the disposal of the Union by Mrs. Tomkins, the expenses of a women's meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall were more than defrayed, while Miss Horsley obtained valuable recognition of the work in the local Press.

A member of the W.S.P.U. has found that a great impression is made on local politicians by her refusal to lend them her motor car. She explains that her decision is due to the fact that she refuses to aid politicians in this way until she has a vote.

Mr. Waddell, Principal, School of Music, Edinburgh, writes, that though a life-long Liberal he voted against the Government because of its treatment to women.

#### THE PRESS ON W.S.P.U. ELECTION WORK.

Wisebechians, unused to the tactics of this party of militant suffragettes, turned out of their homes in large numbers, and so great was the crowd that pressed for admission to the hall long after the same was filled in every conceivable part—in the window sills and behind the staging—that it was deemed advisable to hold an overflow meeting. This was hurriedly arranged for and held in the Lecture Room at the Public Hall, next to the Radical Club! This relieved the pressure at the Selwyn Hall, the crowd of men, women, and children rushing through the public streets in amazing fashion to secure a good seat at the Public Hall. The demands of the public, however, were far from being satisfied, and the majority of those who failed to get inside returned to the Selwyn

Hall. The appearance of Mrs. Pankhurst, who was pushed rather than assisted into a motor car which was in waiting to take them to the White Lion Temperance Hotel, where both she and her helpers put up for the night, was the signal for an unusual outburst of cheering, which the leader acknowledged from the inside of the car with a wave of the hand.

The Suffragettes have been very energetic in the North Camps Division during the last few days, and have held numerous meetings.

The announcement that Mrs. Pankhurst would speak in the Selwyn Hall, Wisebech, on Monday night, caused the greatest possible interest, and the hall was filled long before the time at which the meeting was announced to commence. By eight o'clock it was packed to its utmost capacity, while the road outside was crowded with hundreds who were unable to obtain admittance.

The local branch of the Militant Suffragettes have taken an active part in the present campaign. At the close a vote of thanks was proposed from the body of the hall, and this was seconded by a gentleman, who said a number of those present were in favour of votes for women.—*Southport Guardian*.

It is quite true to say that during the present election the Suffragettes are attracting quite as much attention as either of the two Parliamentary candidates in the Southport Division. They are holding meetings in various parts of the constituency, and their efforts are meeting with great success wherever they go.

All the copies of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, the official organ of the women's Social and Political Union, were rapidly sold, and this testifies to the interest which was aroused in the audience.

They, the Suffragettes, are making a big impression among the working classes in the constituency.

Women's suffrage made distinct progress in Torquay as the result of the meeting held in the theatre to hear addresses from Miss Annie Kenney and Miss Decima Moore, which opens the election campaign in the division.—*Exeter Express and Echo*.

The women workers for "Votes for Women" are making strenuous and able efforts to win sympathy and support for the cause, and although their oratory may seem to be drowned by the din of party warfare, progress is being made. As speakers the women are well above the par of the men politicians. It may be that the overwhelming earnestness of the women speakers imposes a

heavy tax on men accustomed to oratorical attacks on opponents, but the women are not without the saving grace of humour, and when they wax sarcastic they make men wince.—*Dundee Evening Telegraph*.

The Suffragette colours—green, white, and violet—have been very much in evidence in Ship Hill, Rotherham, during the last few days. . . . The Assembly Room was crowded to its utmost extremity, and the seating capacity was severely taxed, while many people were turned away. . . . By the time Miss Adela Pankhurst had finished her speech she had the whole of the meeting with her, and the enthusiasm had reached a very high pitch.—*Sheffield Independent*.

The most aggressive of the ladies' organisations is the Social and Political Union. Its banner flaunts defiance from the temporary headquarters near the Prince's Head, the centre of Battersea's political activity. The Social and Political Unionists mean business. They are always hard at work, and they have prepared arguments and literature which would soften the hearts of any electors less obdurate than the electors of Battersea. On Wednesday night the W.S.P.U. (malevolently called "the wasps" by some people) had a meeting at Battersea Town Hall. The weather was atrocious, but that made little or no difference. The big hall was filled—mostly with men. . . . The lady's fiery words were to the liking of the greater part of the audience.—*South-Western Star*.

#### PALL MALL GAZETTE.

It is difficult to believe that if the Ministry should be returned to power (*quod absit*) Mr. Churchill will again be entrusted with duties so important as those of the Home Secretaryship. His procedure in London and Wales during the past few weeks has constituted one of the worst displays of administrative wrong-headedness made in our time.

#### HEARD AT LAMBETH DURING ELECTION.

Destitute sandwichman carrying Anti-Suffrage poster, "Women do not want votes," sympathetically to Suffragette after her street-corner meeting: "That's right, missus! You stick to it; you'll get 'em right enough, and good luck to yer!"

#### THE M.P.'S WIFE.

"His wife is a marvel!" said an election agent to me the other day. "She gave me more hints in ten minutes than her husband (the candidate) did in a week." Believe me, in a thousand ways, women will influence the forthcoming election. Behind the scenes, quietly and unostentatiously, they will exert a powerful influence; and many a man will write M.P. after his name as the result of the part his wife and lady friends have played in the contest.—*The Wife of an M.P. in "Modern Society."*

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## CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Though the strenuous work of the General Election is only just over and Christmas is so close upon us, the W.S.P.U. workers find plenty to do, and do it with a will, as the following reports show.

## CHELSEA, KENSAL TOWN, AND BATTERSEA.

Shop and Office—308, King's Road.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Hail and Miss Blacklock.

Gratefully acknowledged towards the heavy election campaign—Miss G. Naylor, 10c; Miss Caroline Downing, 21c; Mrs. Carmichael, 23c; Mrs. Winterne, 10c; Anon., 5c; Mrs. Boyd, 25c; Miss Archer, 5c; Miss Halked, 5c; Mrs. Cox, 10c; Anon., 2c; Anon., 2c; Miss Gordon Liddle, 10c; Miss Rankin, 6d; Miss M. Stanley, 3c; Anon., 1c; Anon., 1c; Dr. Bde. 10c; Miss Godwin, 2c; Miss Barry, 21c; Miss Rev. 2c; 6d; Miss E. Cotton, 10c; 5c; Miss Park Library, 1c; 7d; Miss Mayo, 6c; Mrs. Monck Mason (second subscription), 10c. Previously acknowledged, 271s. 6d. Made on the Battersea Committee Rooms lunches and teas, through the good management of Mrs. Strong, 19c. Many thanks to the Putney and Fulham Union for their splendid help, and to the other workers and speakers. There is yet time before Christmas to visit the shop and buy from among the pretty things there, and so help the funds of the Union.

## CHISWICK.

Office—296, High Road.

Hon. Sec.—Miss C. M. A. Coombes, 98, Sutton Court Road.

The Friday meetings are being well attended; attention is called to the meeting, when Mrs. Gordon will speak on "The Position of Women in Foreign Lands." A Fancy Dress Dance will be held on Jan. 7. Tickets (see advt.) to be had from members.

## CROYDON.

Office—1, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 908 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan, 79, Mayfield Road, Sandhurst, Surrey, and Miss Leslie Hall.

Members are invited to examine the goods at 2, Station Buildings before buying their Christmas presents. They are also reminded that December subscriptions to the Weekly Penny Fund are now due. A few members have not yet paid their November contributions. This weekly fund is proving a great help towards expenses, but it is hoped that yet more members will support it. Miss Coombes is thanked for her excellent address on

meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Helpers for bill dis-tributing are badly needed. Members are invited to come and buy their Christmas presents at the shop. Contributions to the funds will be gratefully received by the hon. treasurer, Mrs. John Brindley, 4, Keats Grove.

## ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 63, Cranbrook Road, Ilford.

This Union is forging steadily ahead. New members are joining and work progresses apace. Miss Harvey has taken over the duties of treasurer, and will welcome subscriptions. Very large crowds assembled at the meeting on Saturday.

## ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casserley, 31, Church Crescent, Muswell Hill, N.

The new office is almost ready for occupation. Will members, in thinking of Christmas presents, please remember their new premises, and send a gift of money or some useful article? As there will be no workers' meeting this month, all December subscriptions should be sent in without delay.

## KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 2118 Western. Joint Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Eaton, 7, Wrentham Avenue, Willesden, and Miss Morrison, B.A.

Members are urged to remember when planning their Christmas shopping that most attractive presents may be purchased at the Kensington shop. Several of those who purchased tickets for the postponed meeting at the Kensington Town Hall have not yet applied for their ticket money to be returned. They should either send back their tickets, in which case the money will be refunded, or, should they prefer it, keep the tickets, and when the next Town Hall meeting is held exchange the old tickets for new ones. As some of the regular sellers will be away during the holidays extra help at the High Street pitch will be welcomed. Gratefully acknowledged towards West St. Pancras Election Fund: Mrs. Cohen, 25c; Miss Holiday, 10c. 6d. Towards local funds: Mrs. Muriel Silver, 21s.

## LAMBETH.

Organising Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson, 37, Drews Road, Streatham.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bartels, 23, Acadia Grove, Dulwich. Gratefully acknowledged for Election Fund.—Miss

## LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

December.	156, Charing Cross Road, W.	Poster Parade	11 a.m.
Friday, 16.	Chiswick, 496, High Road	Mrs. Gordon	8 p.m.
" "	Croydon, Public Hall, Lecture Room	Dance	7.30 p.m.
" "	905, Fulham Road	Christmas Bazaar	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
" "	Hammer Road, Sutherland Avenue	Miss K. Jarvis, Miss Harris	8 p.m.
" "	Richmond, "Glenariff," Kew Road	Members' Meeting	8 p.m.
" "	Wimbledon, 6, Victoria Crescent	Miss Leonora Tyson, Chair: Mrs. Lamartine Yates	8 p.m.
" "	The Broadway	Christmas Bazaar	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday, 17	905, Fulham Road	Jumble Sale	2 p.m.
" "	Greenwich, 12, Park Place	Votes for Women Corps	7 p.m.
" "	Ilford, 18, Cranbrook Road	Miss Hopkins	7.30 p.m.
" "	Islington, Jones Brothers, Holloway Road	Members and Friends	4.30 to 7 p.m.
" "	Lewisham, Shop. Rally	Mrs. Willock, Chair: Mrs. Lamartine Yates	3 p.m.
Sunday, 18	Wimbledon Common		
Monday, 19	Queen's Hall, Langham Place, W.	Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Lady Meyer	3 to 5 p.m.
" "	West Croydon, 2, Station Buildings	Mrs. Pankhurst, Mrs. Clayton	8 p.m.
Tuesday, 20	Hampstead, Town Hall, Haverstock Hill	Chair: Mrs. Hicks	8 p.m.
" "	100, Hammersmith Road, W., At Home	Miss Fagg	8 p.m.
" "	Paddington, 50, Praed Street	Miss Vera Wentworth	8 p.m.
Wednesday, 21	Ilford, The Habits, Manor Park	Miss Maud Harvey, Miss Haslam	8 p.m.
" "	Nutfield Place, W.	Miss Vera Wentworth, Chair: Miss Rogers	8.15 p.m.
Thursday, 22	905, Fulham Road	Members' Rally	4 to 7 p.m.
Friday, 23	Croydon, Katharine Street	Miss Leslie Hall	8 p.m.

Monday last at the shop. To-night (Friday), a Dance, kindly arranged by Miss Spott, Miss Hardy, and Mrs. Lansdown, will take place at the Small Lecture Room, Public Hall, 7.30 to 12 p.m. Tickets, 1s. 6d., can still be obtained from the shop; and contributions to the Refreshment Stall will be welcome up to 4 p.m. at the shop, and after that hour at the Lecture Hall. Several members unable to join the deputation have paid a fine to the Local Union. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Ackroyd, 21c; Miss Burgess, 15c; Mrs. Roeler, 2c. 6d.; Miss Steel, 1s. Thanks to Miss Walter, who has kindly offered to supply the shop with towels and cloths, and to get them washed every week. The Bazaar Exhibition on Saturday was a splendid success, and a good sale of Christmas goods was made at the same time. Thanks are due to all those who helped.

## FOREST GATE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Hearnley, 328, High Street, East Ham.

A large drawing-room meeting was addressed by Miss Simpson (by kind permission of Mrs. Bateson) at Barham Grove. Four new members were gained and a good collection taken. Mrs. Hearnley gave an interesting address at Barham Hall on December 5, when Lady Sybil Smith very kindly opened a small Christmas fair. Thanks to Miss Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Parker for their kind contributions, also to the members who so kindly helped in various ways. Members and friends listened with great interest to Miss Wingrove's and Miss Haslam's account of their experiences in Holloway.

## GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD.

Office—7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E. Hon. Sec.—Miss Billingham.

Members who can help at the Jumble Sale to-morrow (Saturday) are asked to be there not later than 1.30 p.m. The next monthly At Home has been postponed until Jan. 12, and will be held at the Greenwich Ethical Hall, Greenwich Road. Articles for Christmas presents can be bought at the above address.

## HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—100, Hammersmith Road. Organising Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Butler.

On Tuesday evening a most successful meeting was held, and interesting speeches were given by Mrs. Burman and A. C. Abbey, Esq. Mrs. E. L. Howe gave some interesting information about the Tax Resistance League. In response to an appeal made for the shop runs (which is paid by regular weekly subscriptions), Mrs. Baxter and Miss Yelham kindly offered to make up the deficiency caused by two members leaving the neighbourhood. A good collection was taken, and the sum of £12s. 6d. realised by the sale of goods from the Christmas stall. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at the At Home to be held on Tuesday. This will be the last before Christmas.

## HAMPSTEAD.

Shop and Office—M, Heath Street. Organising Sec.—Miss M. Rowlett.

There will be a poster parade to-morrow (Saturday) at 2.30 p.m. to advertise Mrs. Pankhurst's Bazaar.

Cowlin 21c, Mrs. Gilbert 5c, Mrs. Crake 10c, Miss Simons 2s, Miss Rover 21c, 6d., Miss Nicholls 10c, Mrs. Moore 21c, Miss Ellison 3c. 6d., Mrs. Leigh 1s, Mrs. Yorke 6d., Mrs. Tagg 6d., Mrs. Wilkinson 1s, Mrs. Kelley 6d., Miss Hutton 5c, Miss Bonfield 2c. 6d., The Misses Lambert 5c, Miss Tolken 2c, Miss Guernsey 21c, Miss Arnold 2c, Mrs. S. Maid 6d., Miss B. Groom 5c, Mrs. E. Brewster 22c, Mrs. Watson 5c, Miss Hughenden 21c, Mrs. Pullen 21c, Miss Charles 21c. A considerable deficiency, however, still remains, and the organiser appeals to those who have taken no active part in the campaign not to leave it to those who do the work to find the funds also.

## LEWISHAM.

Shop and Office—107, High Street, Lewisham. Shop hours, 3 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 32, Mount Pleasant Road.

A whist drive and dance was held at Avenue House, Lewisham, on Wednesday, December 7, which proved a success, both financially and otherwise, the profits amounting to £1 5s. 6d. Gratefully acknowledged towards election fund: Miss Bone, 5c; Miss Jennings, 2s; Mrs. Heape, 1s; Mrs. Brown, 1s; Miss S. O'Key, 2s. 6d. Thanks also to Mrs. Black for her gift of perfume for sale at the shop.

## NORTH ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Clara Brown, 11, Gladsmuir Road, Highgate.

Workers are very sincerely thanked for the help they rendered during the election campaign, which did so much towards making Miss Christabel Pankhurst's meeting at the Highgate Rinkeries such a success. An excellent meeting was held at Hornsey Road School last Saturday, when Miss Evelyn Sharp greatly charmed her audience by her very interesting address. Gratefully acknowledged for election expenses: Mrs. Burfield, 5c; Miss Grant, 5c; A. Friend, 2c. 6d.; Mrs. Brown, 5c; Dr. Constance Long, 10c; Mrs. Cox, 10c; Miss Jackson, 5c; Miss Hume, 5c; Miss Bondie, 2c. 6d.; A. Friend, 5c; Miss Pearce, 2c; Miss Dorton, 2c. 6d.; Miss Pull, 2c. 6d.; Miss Dearn, 1s; Miss Murphy, 1s.

## N.W. LONDON.

Shop and Office—318, High Road, Kilburn. Tel. 1183, Hampstead.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell, 19, Nicoll Road, Willesden.

Six prisoners belonging to this Union have now been released, but owing to the General Election being in full swing, and to the approach of Christmas, it has not yet been possible to arrange a welcome meeting for them. This will probably now be postponed until early in January, with a view to including in the same meeting a welcome also to the remaining prisoner, Miss Alice Burton, who, it will be remembered, received the vindictive sentence of two months' imprisonment. Further particulars will shortly be announced. A present of some beautiful home-made sweets for Christmas Bazaar is gratefully acknowledged. Further gifts will be much appreciated.

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Shop—903, Fulham Road.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Gutter, 39, Parson's Green, S.W., and Mrs. H. Roberts.

Members are reminded that Christmas presents may be bought at the bazaar to be held to-day and to-morrow (see programme). The treasurer makes a special appeal for contributions towards the shop rent, which is due this month. Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Lawrence, 3s; Miss Bolle, Votes Captain, appeals for volunteers for Friday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. Mrs. Nina Dear, who is now in Holloway Prison, may receive parcels containing fruit, flowers and books. It is hoped that as many members as possible will avail themselves of this privilege during Christmas week, so that she may feel that Putney and Fulham remember with gratitude her valuable and enthusiastic work for the cause throughout the year.

## RICHMOND AND KEW.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Clayton, Glenariff, Kew Road, Richmond.

The members' meeting to-day (Friday) is the final function of an active and memorable year. Five members took part in the recent deputations, and three were arrested. One of these sacrificed a fortnight's liberty to the cause. This signal example of devotion is here recorded with appreciation and gratitude.

## WIMBLEDON.

Shop 5, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon. Tel. 1029, P.O. Wimbledon.

Hon. Organising Sec.: Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Marton, Surrey.

The week has been one of unqualified success. In consequence of the spirit raised by the imprisonment of Mrs. Begg and Mrs. Martin, their release was the signal for still greater specified effort on the part of members. Offers of every kind flowed in—donations, new monthly subscriptions, increased monthly subscriptions, solars, stewards, gifts for shop, promises to purchase all Christmas presents at the shop, new subscribers to the paper, several new members and volunteers for future militant work. Nearly every member and associate offered something. Thanks to all who have thus expressed their appreciation of the brave prisoners by "Deeds not Words." The local reception

given the prisoners was most enthusiastic. Showers bouquets in the colours were presented by Pierre and Madeleine Lonsignol, the latter making a beautiful little speech. Crowds had assembled out of curiosity, but joined in the cheer for Votes for Women as the decorated carriages drove off forming a procession through the town. A welcome supper was given at Follett's Rooms, but numbers of late applicants for tickets had to be refused. Thanks to the Misses Muskett for the pretty hand-painted tickets. The menu cards, which were also hand-painted, were the work and gift of a member and her husband. Mrs. Lamartine Yates presided, and proposed "Votes for Women" as the first toast, followed by "The Prisoners," who delighted the audience by giving in response accounts of their Holloway experiences. "All Absent Prisoners" and "Success to the Local Union" were received with hearty response. The function was well reported in the chief local papers. On Friday Dr. Garrett Anderson kindly addressed the At Home, the advertised speaker having been called away for election work. The At Homes will be discontinued until the middle of January, when a series of afternoon addresses will be given; but meanwhile members are asked to come to the rallies every Friday, at 4 p.m. Attractive novelties are now on sale, and the shop will be kept open late until Christmas.

## Home Counties.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—2, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 1263 Nat. Organiser—Mrs. Clarke.

Daily meetings on the front, weather permitting, at 3 p.m. It is intended to hold a reception for Mrs. Clarke on her release from Holloway, and arrangements are being made to hold a meeting in the Royal Pavilion. Further details will be given in next week's issue of VOTES FOR WOMEN. Miss Cobb, colour secretary, wishes the members to know that numerous Christmas presents in the colours are on sale in the office.

## REDHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Richmond, Fungates House.

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open-air meetings, at which the audiences were most interested. The cake and candy sale on December 7 was a success. Thanks for help rendered by Miss Hardy, Miss Ford, Miss Quinton, Miss Farley, Miss Libby, Mrs. Waldron, Miss Wilson and other friends. The show case has been posted with interesting election matter. Wednesday, Dec. 23.—Carlton Room, Victor Duval Esq., 8 p.m.

### The Midlands.

#### BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—27, John Bright Street, Tel., 1443 Midland.  
Organiser—Miss Dorothy Evans.

The office will be closed from December 19 to January 5. Will all members buy their Christmas goods before that date?

Friday, Dec. 16.—Queen's College, Sale of Work. Lady Isabel Margesson, Miss Hilda Burkitt, 3 and 3 p.m.

#### LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicestershire.  
Tel., 1718 Leicester.

Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.

Will members please note that the shop will be shut from Thursday, December 22 to Thursday, December 29? All workers unable to take their usual turns of helping after December 29 are requested to write immediately to Miss Daisy Brightland, Snydale, Stonegate Road, who has kindly undertaken to act as shop secretary. Members! do not forget to come and bring your friends to buy their Christmas presents and crackers at the shop. Miss Bowker writes to say how sorry she is at not having seen the Leicester members before leaving last week, as she wished especially to thank them for their cordial co-operation during Miss Pethick's enforced absence.

#### NOTTINGHAM.

Office—3, Carlton Street, Tel., 4511.  
Hon. Secs.—Miss C. M. Burgis, R.A., 21, Chaucer Street, Miss Wallis, The Castle.

Miss Adela Pankhurst addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting on Wednesday, December 7. Members should make a point of attending the Christmas sale to-day (Friday) and to-morrow, and bringing their friends. Offers of refreshments for Saturday will be very welcome. Tea each day, 6d. Any member who can volunteer for paper-selling—even once a month—is asked to send in her name to Miss Wallis, as help is urgently needed. More regular subscribers to the shop fund are also wanted. The welcome supper to the brave local prisoners has been postponed until after Christmas, owing to Mrs. Goodlife not being released till December 25.

### West of England.

#### BATH.

Organiser—Mrs. Mansel, Bayford Lodge, Wincanton.  
Shop—12, Walcot Street, Bath.

A delightful meeting was held in the Tea Room at the Assembly Rooms on Wednesday, December 7. Lady Stout kindly took the place of Lord Lytton, who was unavoidably detained, and Miss Wheelwright, of Bath, took the chair. The meeting was most enthusiastic, and Lady Stout's interesting account of the Woman's Suffrage movement in New Zealand, and of the good that has resulted, was much appreciated by the audience.

### North-Eastern Counties.

#### HULL.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Harrison, 14, Welbeck Street.

Thanks to Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. J. Harrison-Bronley, Mrs. W. Helmer, Mrs. H. Holmes, Miss G. Holmes, Mrs. Marshall, Miss Rod, Miss Beaman and Miss Gibson, who so kindly contributed to the Jumble Sale, which realised £3 8s.

#### NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.

Organiser—Miss A. Williams, 305, Westgate Road.

The organiser thanks all those members who worked so splendidly during the past election week. The work done will bear fruit in the days to come, even though the election results were disappointing. On Thursday the organiser spoke to the Peshaw Literary and Debating Society, with the Rev. E. G. Holme in the chair, and on Friday, at a well-attended drawing-room meeting, arranged for her by Miss Bessie Cail, at St. Mary's Mount, Jesmond, Mrs. Coxon being the very sympathetic and kind hostess. The takings of the Christmas Sale in the shop on Saturday amounted to more than £5. Several members met Miss Nora Armstrong from London on Thursday evening, and gave her a hearty welcome. A representative of the *Newcastle Daily Journal* was present, and a report of Miss Armstrong's arrival was published the next day. Miss Dora Clarke, of South Shields, is arranging an At Home in the Victoria Hall for February 1. Will members make a note of this? Tickets may be obtained from Miss Clarke. The Wednesday evening At Homes will be discontinued for the holidays, and the shop will be closed, except on Fridays and Saturdays, when it will be open the usual hours. Miss Hardwick will kindly act as Literature Secretary during Miss Lettice Floyd's absence.

Monday, Dec. 19.—77, Blackett Street, Men's Meeting. Victor Duval, Esq., 8 p.m.

#### ROTHERHAM.

Hon. Sec.: Mrs. Archie Slack, High Street, Rotherham.

A splendid meeting was held here on Tuesday, December 6, when Miss Adela Pankhurst spoke, and Councillor G. E. Caine, prominent in the Socialist movement and Secretary of the District Trades and Labour Council, was in the chair. Besides Miss Pankhurst the speakers were Mrs. Greene, M.A. and Mrs. Barp, of Rotherham, supported by Lady Mabel Smith. In the audience were many public personalities, including members and officials of the Corporation. The local papers gave splendid accounts of the meeting.

#### SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT.

Organiser—Miss Adela Pankhurst, 45, Marlborough Road, Sheffield. Tel.: Broomhill 449.

Members are asked to note that letters will not be sent informing them of events, but they must look for notices in *VOTES FOR WOMEN* and call at the office for further news. The At Homes will be resumed on Thursday, January 19. A reception to Miss Schuster, Dr. Mackenzie and other York members of the deputation will be held at the Grand Hotel, on December 19, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 1s.

#### YORK.

Office—24, Conary Street.

Organiser—Miss Kay-Jones, Hawthorne Lodge, Blakenborough.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Goult, 44, Nunthorpe Road.

Two crowded and most successful At Homes were held on Tuesday, December 6. The afternoon At Home took place in the Assembly Rooms, the evening meeting being held at the office. The latter was quite crowded out. Lady Isabel Margesson was the chief speaker at both meetings. Miss Adela Pankhurst was unable to come on account of stress of electioneering work, but Dr. Marion Mackenzie, of Scarborough, most happily filled her place. The chair was taken by Mrs. E. Homer Thompson in the afternoon, and in the evening by Mr. H. P. Holmes.

Tuesday, Dec. 20.—Office, Cake Sale, 2.30 and 5.30 p.m. Concert, 7.45 p.m.

### North-Western Counties.

#### LIVERPOOL AND CHESHIRE.

Office—24, Barry Street. Tel. 3781 Royal.

Organiser—Miss S. Ida Flatman.

Heartly thanks to all those who helped so splendidly at Birkenhead election. Miss Margaret Ker sold forty copies of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. On December 3 Miss Hoy, Highbury, Torrington Road, Lisard, gave an evening "At Home," at which she had on sale all the goods made by herself and friends for the Northern Exhibition. Five pounds' worth of goods were sold. She still has nearly £20 worth to hand over for the exhibition. Will others in her district who have not already contributed goods send them in to her at the above address? It would be encouraging if other members would follow her energetic example. Miss Flatman appeals to members to increase the sale of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* by taking one dozen weekly, which can easily be disposed of at the stations or theatres. Many thanks to Miss Jessica Walker and Mr. Jenkins for the splendid election posters they made, and which have been shown in the windows, receiving much admiration.

#### MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Miss Georgina Brackenbury and Miss Rosa Robinson.

Central Office—17, St. Anne's Square, Manchester. Tel.: 2621 City.

It is hoped there will be a good attendance of members at the office, Mansfield Chambers, 17, St. Anne's Square, to-night at 8 p.m. This will be the last members' meeting before the holidays; they will re-commence on Friday, January 6. Gratefully acknowledged, £2 worth of goods from Mrs. Duncan for the benefit of the Baby Linen Stall. A shilling fund has just been started for office furnishings, and already subscriptions amount to 75s. 6d. Further donations will be welcomed. Thanks to Miss Atkinson and her band of workers who held such splendid meetings for women in West Salford during last week.

### Scotland.

#### GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—502, Sauchiehall Street.

Tel.: 615, Charing Cross.

Organiser—Miss Barbara Wylie.

To-day (Friday) Lady Stout will perform the opening ceremony of the Christmas sale. Mrs. Laurence Henderson, who has this week secured nine new subscribers to the paper, *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, and Mrs. Gibb have undertaken the management, and will be glad of contributions. The object is to raise money to pay for the special electioneering posters. A festive gathering took place on December 9 at Miss Cranston's tea rooms, to welcome Miss Gibb, who gave a most interesting account of her deputation and prison experiences.

#### DUNDEE.

Office—61, Nethergate.

Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith.

Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

The organiser wishes to thank all those who contributed and helped at the Jumble Sale, which proved a great success. On Wednesday, December 7, Mrs. Fraser Smith addressed a most interested audience in the office; the presence of several Young Liberals added to the interest of the meeting. There will be no meetings on December 28, or January 4. Members are asked to make a point of buying their Christmas presents from the office.

#### CLERKS' W.S.P.U.

Hon. Secs.: Miss Phyllis Lynton, 65, Edith Road, Kensington, W. Miss Cynthia Maguire, 19, Carlton Vale, Maiden Vale, N.W.

Clerks or secretaries are urged to send in their names without delay as this Union must be a strong one; there is an immense amount of work to be done, and members must be ready to begin in real earnest as soon as the holidays are over.



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The organiser of the Women's Social and Political Union who is arranging a "Votes for Women" public meeting in Ipswich lives in Silent Street. Is this unconscious humour?—*Star*.

Judge Willis told an applicant at Greenwich County Court that while he was at present responsible for his wife's wrongdoing, he, the judge, hoped that soon ladies, married and unmarried, would bear their own burdens.

The latest method adopted by the militant suffragettes in their endeavours to advance their cause is the sale of peppermint rock specially manufactured in the familiar white, purple, and green—with the words "Votes for Women" running through it.

—*Nottingham Daily Express*.

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### OUR POST BOX. HOW WOMEN TEACHERS ARE SWINDLED.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Sir,—I was present at the West Lambeth Teachers' Association quarterly meeting on Saturday, December 3, and heard with dismay that the Executive of the National Union of Teachers was running five Parliamentary candidates at the present election, using the money subscribed to N.U.T. by women teachers without consulting them. Supposing these gentlemen are returned to Parliament, what guarantee have women teachers that they will not follow in Dr. Macnamara's footsteps? Thirty-five thousand women teachers have helped to gain for this gentleman his present exalted position, and his attitude and vote on the Conciliation Bill show with what disastrous results.—I am,

A MEMBER OF THE WEST LAMBETH  
TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Sir,—I have been a member of the N.U.T. for many years, but feel the time has now arrived when the women subscribers to the N.U.T. should stand shoulder to shoulder, and until enfranchisement resist the iniquitous deduction of 2s. for Parliamentary representation from their subscription. The responsibility rests with us to prevent any further members of our profession using our money to attain positions of eminence in a Government which denies citizenship to educated women, and meets constitutional petitions for redress with unthinkable methods of barbarism. Many of us cannot enter the firing line, but surely it is incumbent on every woman teacher to cease providing the enemy with ammunition. What is to prevent other so-called teachers' representatives adopting Dr. Macnamara's hostile attitude to the enfranchisement of duly qualified women? I trust all women teachers will refuse to pay one penny of the 1911 subscription to the N.U.T. until such time as they receive equal electoral privileges with their male colleagues. Many of us pay a fixed amount monthly to cover subscriptions to the N.U.T., L.T.A., Benevolent, and Orphan Funds. Where this method of payment is in vogue let women teachers see that from January, 1911, onwards, they withhold the monthly amount allocated to the N.U.T. subscription.—I am, Sir,

A DISGUSTED MEMBER OF THE N.U.T.

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### IRISH WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY, BELFAST.

On Wednesday afternoon last week Lady Betty Balfour addressed the Lisburn branch of the Society, and had a good audience. Captain Craig, M.P., kindly took the chair, and declared himself strongly in favour of Women's Suffrage. In the evening she addressed a large audience in the Assembly Hall, and on Thursday afternoon she also spoke at an "At Home" in the Medical Institute given by Dr. Elizabeth Bell. Lady Betty Balfour's visit has been the means of adding to the membership roll, and the committee are very grateful indeed to her for coming, especially as she belongs to a different Society.

### THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Members of this Society have done a wonderful amount of work in the constituencies of Hoxton, Kennington, and Battersea. Committee Rooms were opened and daily open-air meetings held, besides six very successful indoor meetings during the week. On polling days members drove round the constituencies, and at Battersea party-feeling was evidently aroused by realising there was another Suffrage Society working to keep the Liberal out, and great efforts were made, without success, to confiscate our flags. A meeting is being organised at Kennington. Further particulars can be had from the Hon. Organiser, Mrs. Frances Beith, 8, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge, S.W.

### IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

At a crowded meeting held on Tuesday, December 6, in the Antient Concert Buildings, Dublin, Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington presided. Mrs. Barl gave a spirited account of her experiences as a member of the militant deputation to Westminster. Mr. J. H. Cousins also spoke. The chairman said that in the Dublin elections, Mr. Abraham, Mr. P. J. Brady, and Lord Herbert were all Suffragists. The Irish Women's Franchise League regretted the retirement of Professor Kettle, one of their best friends in the Irish Party. An animated discussion followed, and at the close of the meeting bands of volunteers offered themselves for duty at the polling stations, to distribute election-leaflets and sell VOTES FOR WOMEN in the streets. Arrangements are being made to give a public reception to the Irish prisoners on their release. They will be met on their return home (the first batch arriving on Christmas Eve) by their friends, and a torchlight procession, with a band, will pass through the chief streets of the city, returning to the offices of the League, where short addresses will be given. All members and friends are invited to join in doing honour to our brave prisoners, and those desirous of marching in the procession are asked to send in their names to the secretary at once, and are requested to wear sashes in the colours of the League, orange and green, which can be obtained by application at the League Offices, Antient Concert Buildings, Dublin.

### THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

The League Birthday Party will be held in the Victoria Hall, Criterion Restaurant, to-day (Friday), at 3 o'clock. A charming programme of music etc., has been arranged in which Miss Helen Mar, Madame Bertha Moore, Miss Esther Palliser, Mrs. Portwee, Miss Rosa Leo and others are taking part. It is hoped that all who are interested in the Suffrage movement will come. Admission is, which includes tea. Tickets can be obtained at the Actresses' Franchise League Office, Adelphi Terrace House, and at the Criterion.

### SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Secretary—Miss Rosa Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W.  
Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

There will be a class to-day, Friday, December 16, at 7.45, when it is hoped that everyone who possibly can will attend, as it is very important for the speakers to meet again before the Christmas holidays. In the new year Miss Leo's classes will take place as follows:—Public Classes: To commence on Friday, January 6, at 7.45 at 4, Clements Inn. Private classes: To take place every Tuesday evening from January 10, and every Saturday afternoon from January 14.

### WOMEN REFORMERS.

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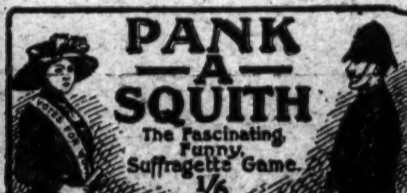
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